

Noise Correlations

Information

Proposal:

E. Altman, E. Demler & M. Lukin PRA (2004)
A. Polkovnikov et al., PNAS (2006)

Experiment:

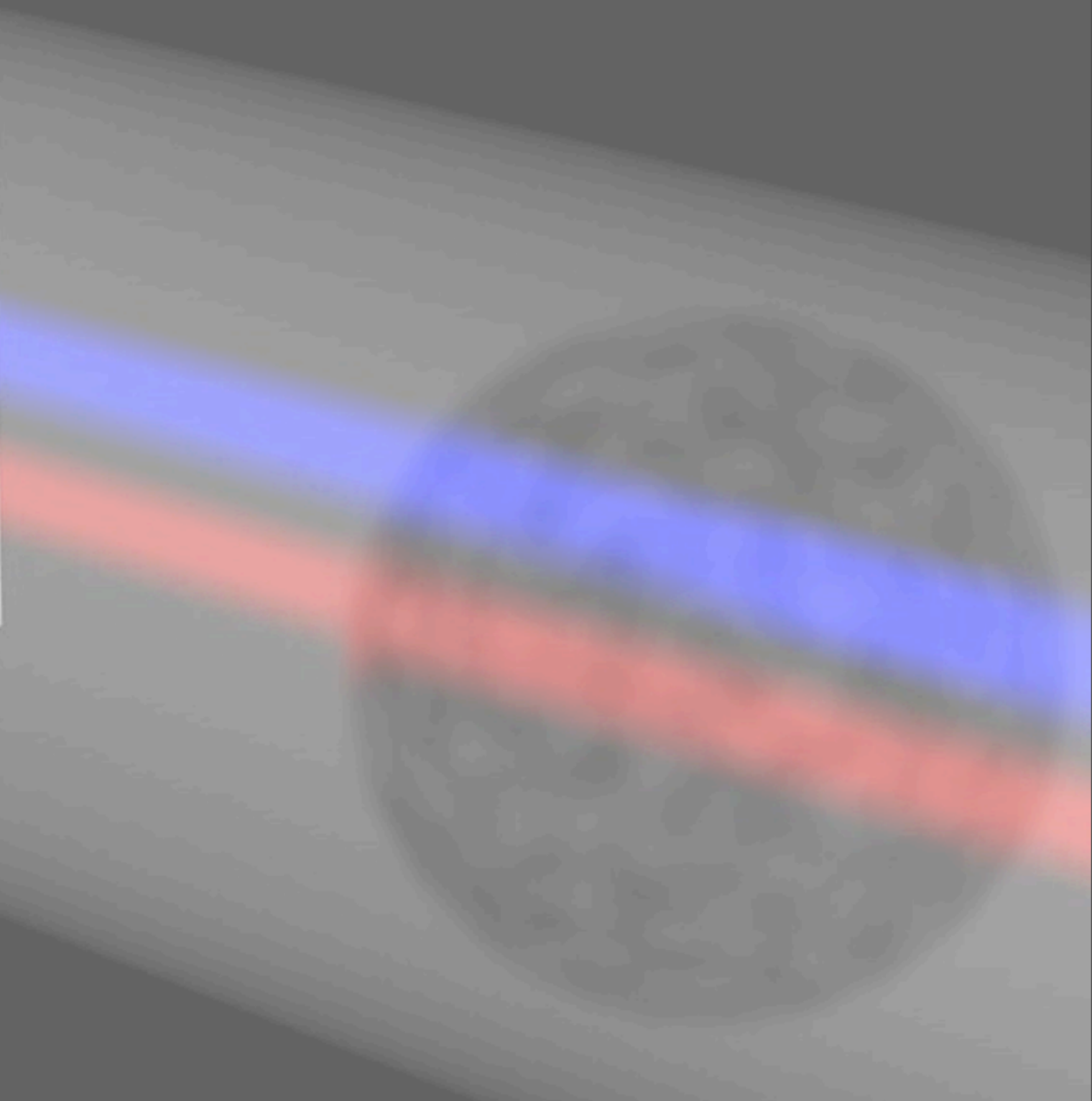
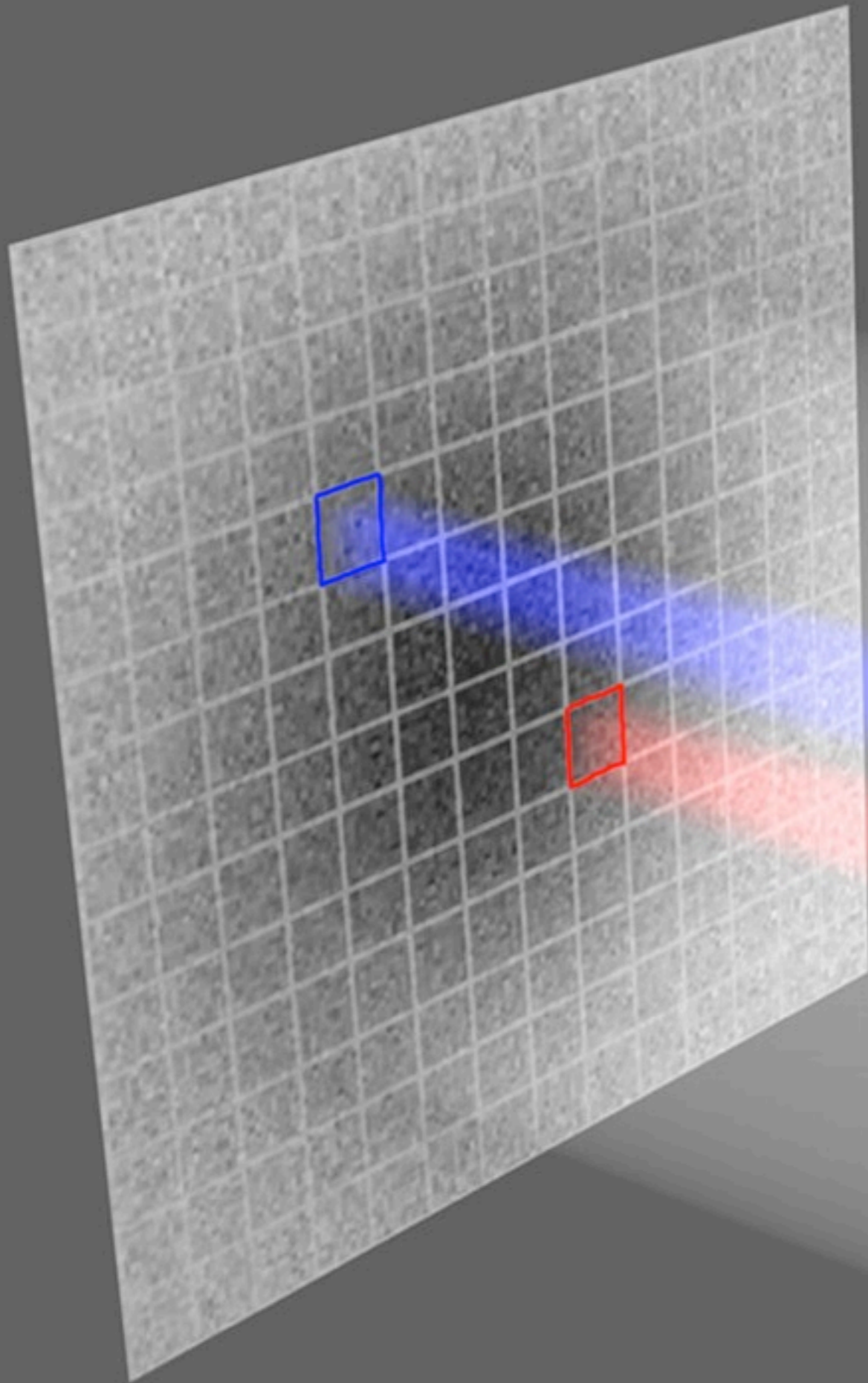
Fölling et al., Nature (2005),
Greiner et al., PRL (2005)
Rom et al., Nature (2006)
Guarrera et al., PRL (2008)

related work:

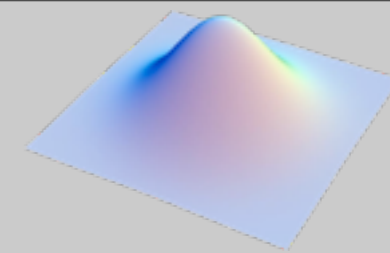
Bach & Rzazewski, PRA (2004)
Z. Hadzibabic et al. PRL (2004),

Yasuda & Shimizu, PRL (1996),
Schellekens et al., Science (2005),
Jeltes et al., Nature (2007)
Öttl et al., PRL (2005),
Estève et al., PRL (2006),

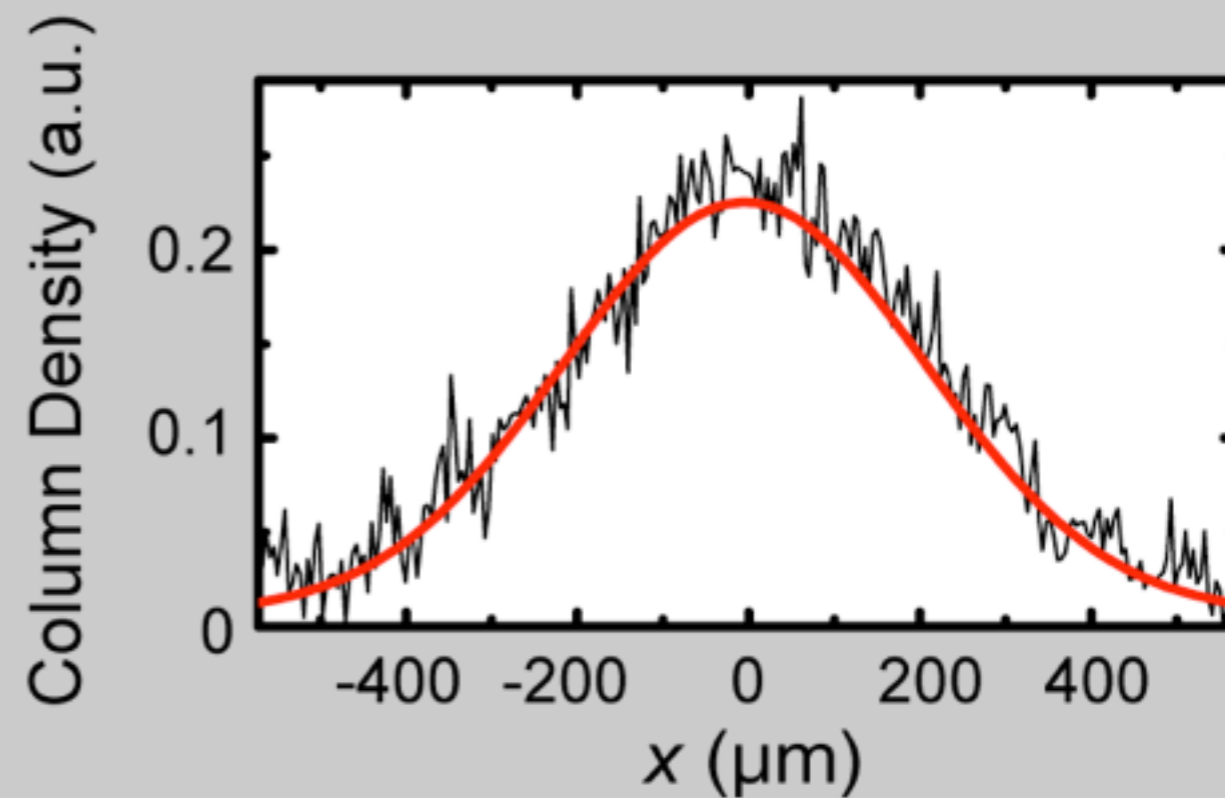
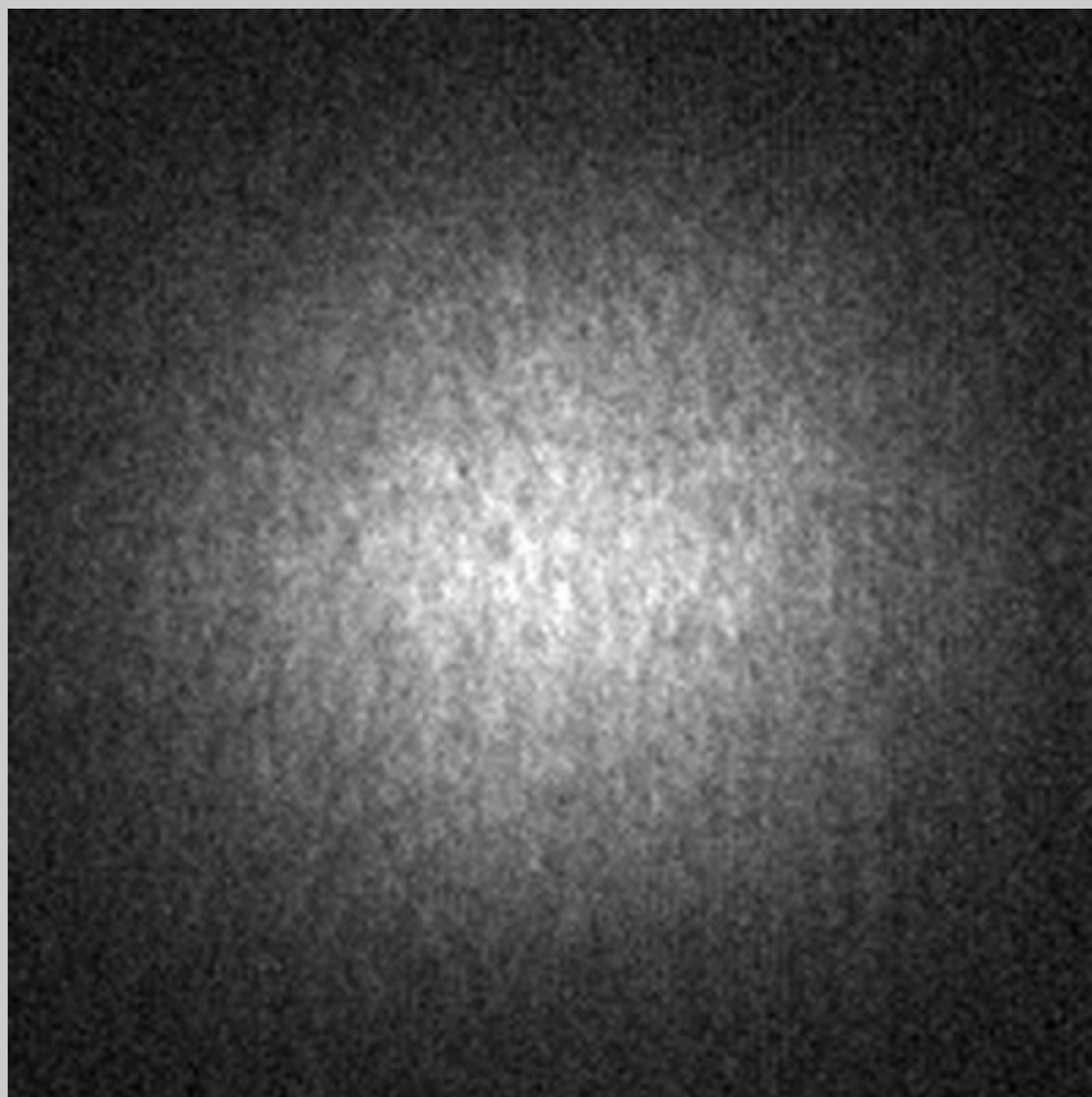
Detecting Expanding Atom Clouds



Typically Noise in Images of a Mott Insulator



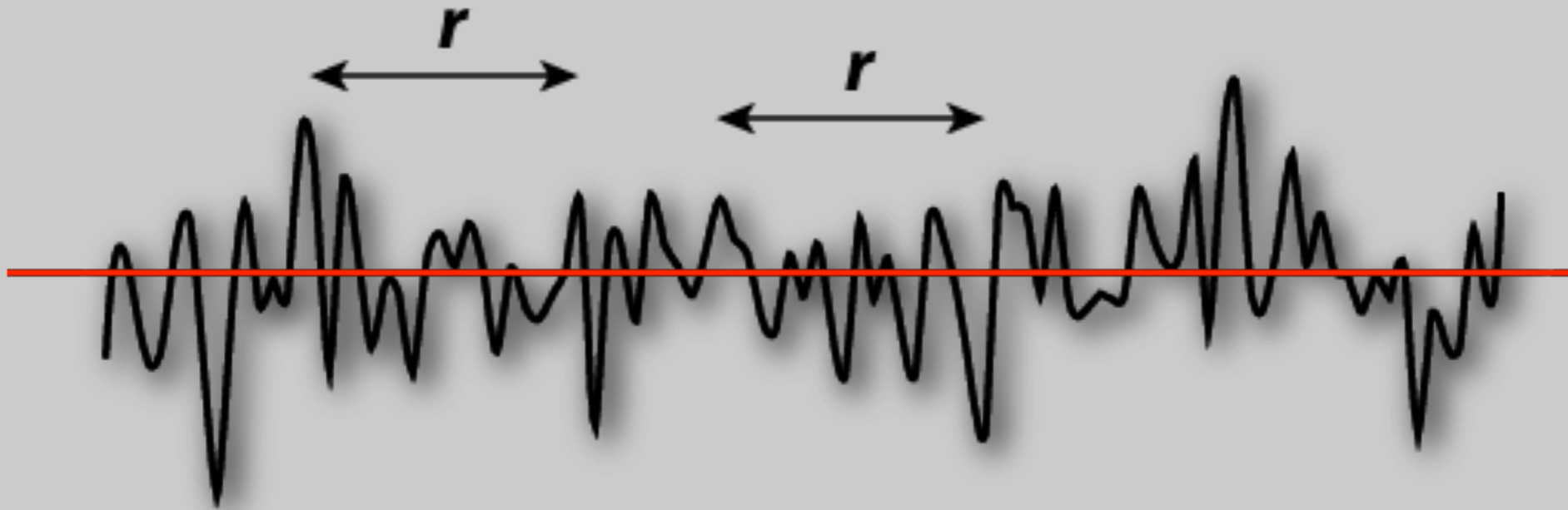
Single Image



**Fluctuations due to
Atomic Shot Noise**

$$\sigma \sim \sqrt{N_{bin}}$$

Correlations in Noise?



Hanbury-Brown Twiss effect correlates fluctuations at special distances r !

Quantitatively

$$g^{(2)}(r) - 1 > 0$$

$$g^{(2)}(r) - 1 = 0$$

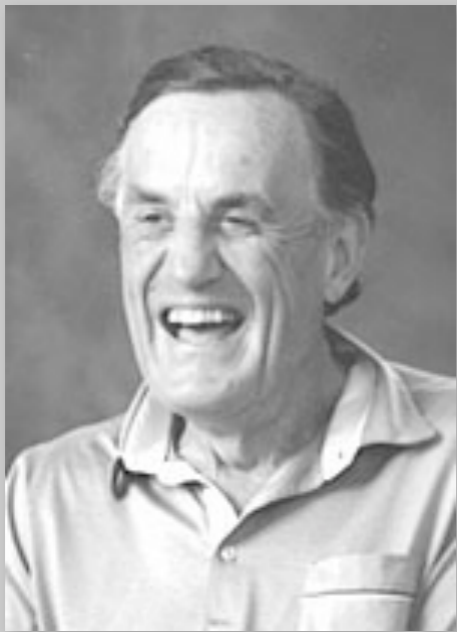
$$g^{(2)}(r) - 1 < 0$$

Noise correlated (Bosons)

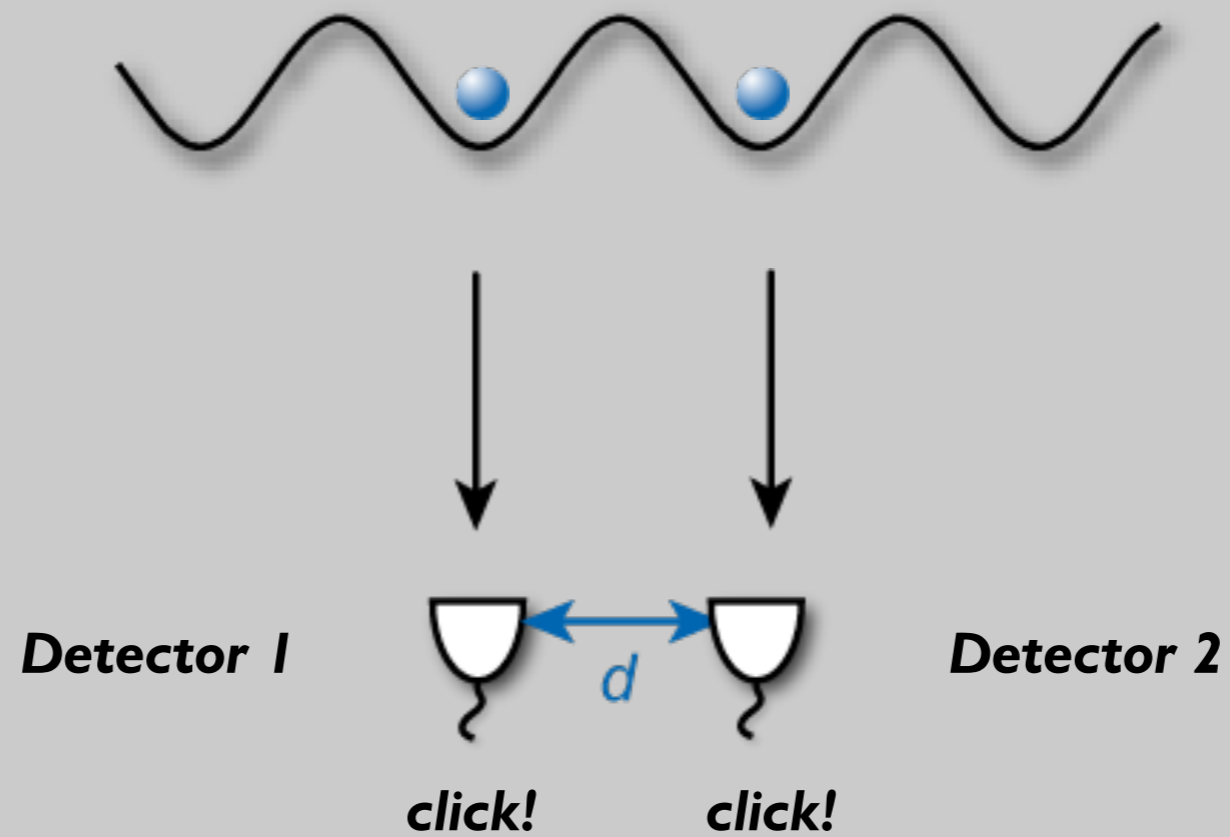
Noise uncorrelated

Noise anti-correlated (Fermions)

- Hanbury Brown-Twiss Effect for Atoms (1) -

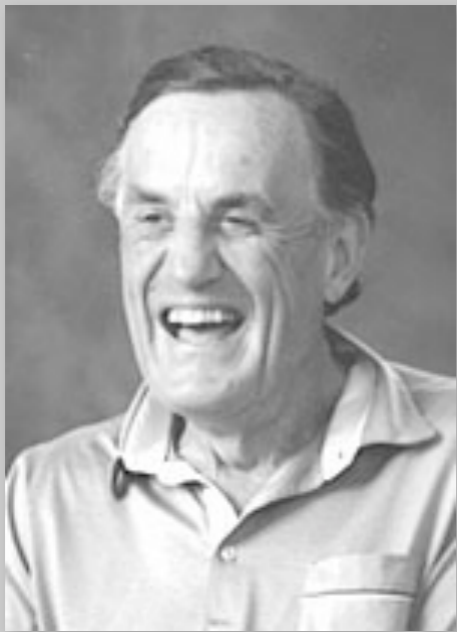


Hanbury Brown
1916-2002



- Hanbury Brown-Twiss Effect for Atoms (2) -

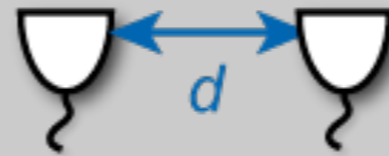
There's another ways....



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Detector 1



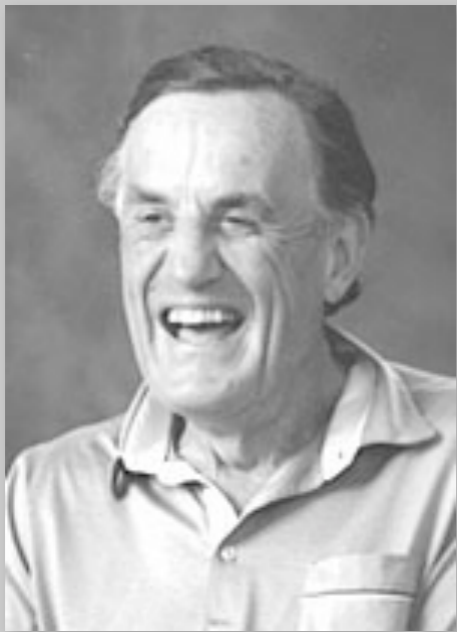
Detector 2

click!

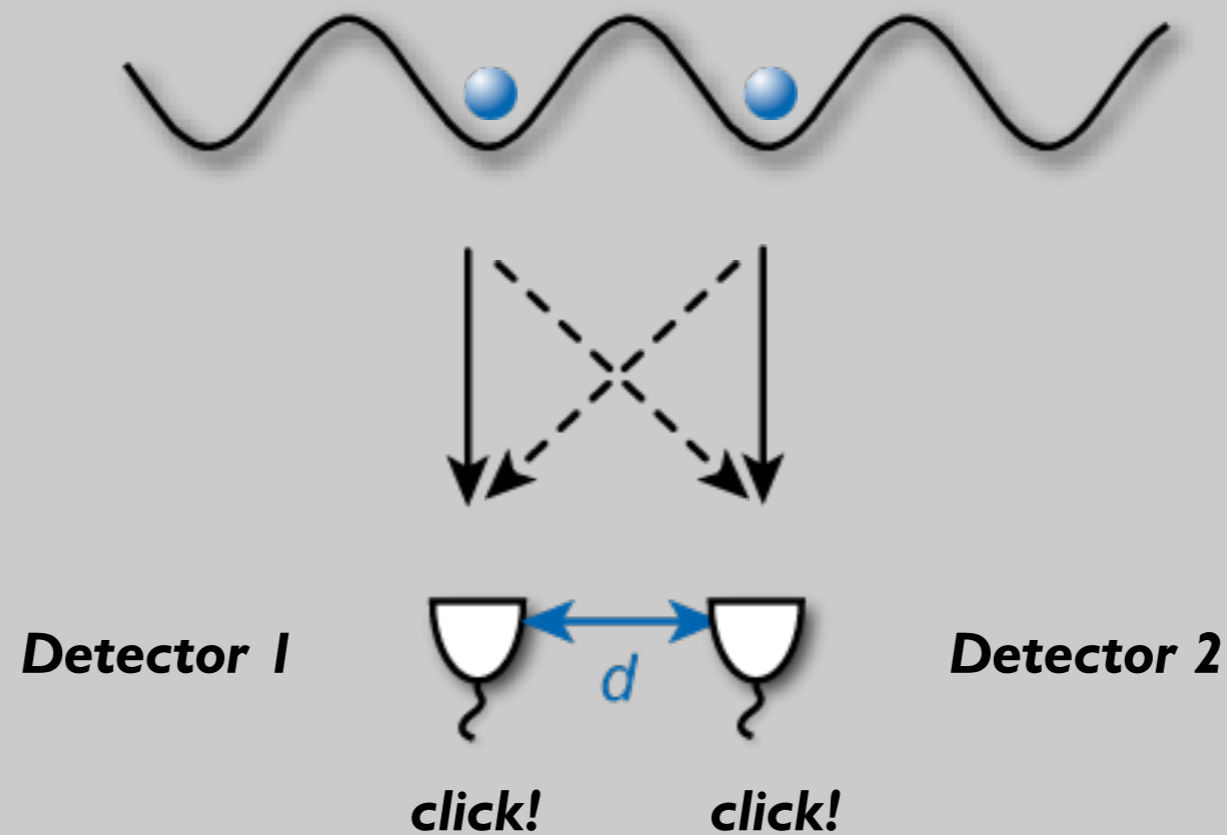
click!

- Hanbury Brown-Twiss Effect for Atoms (3) -

Cannot fundamentally distinguish between both paths...



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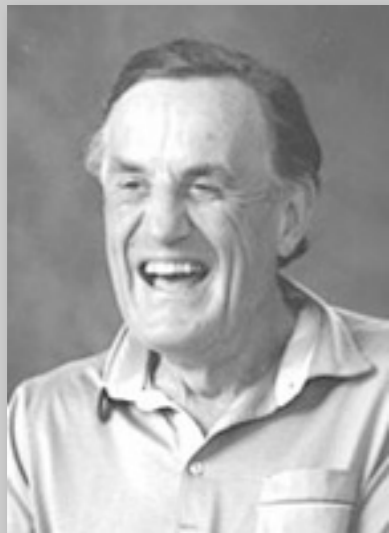


Two Particle Detection probability

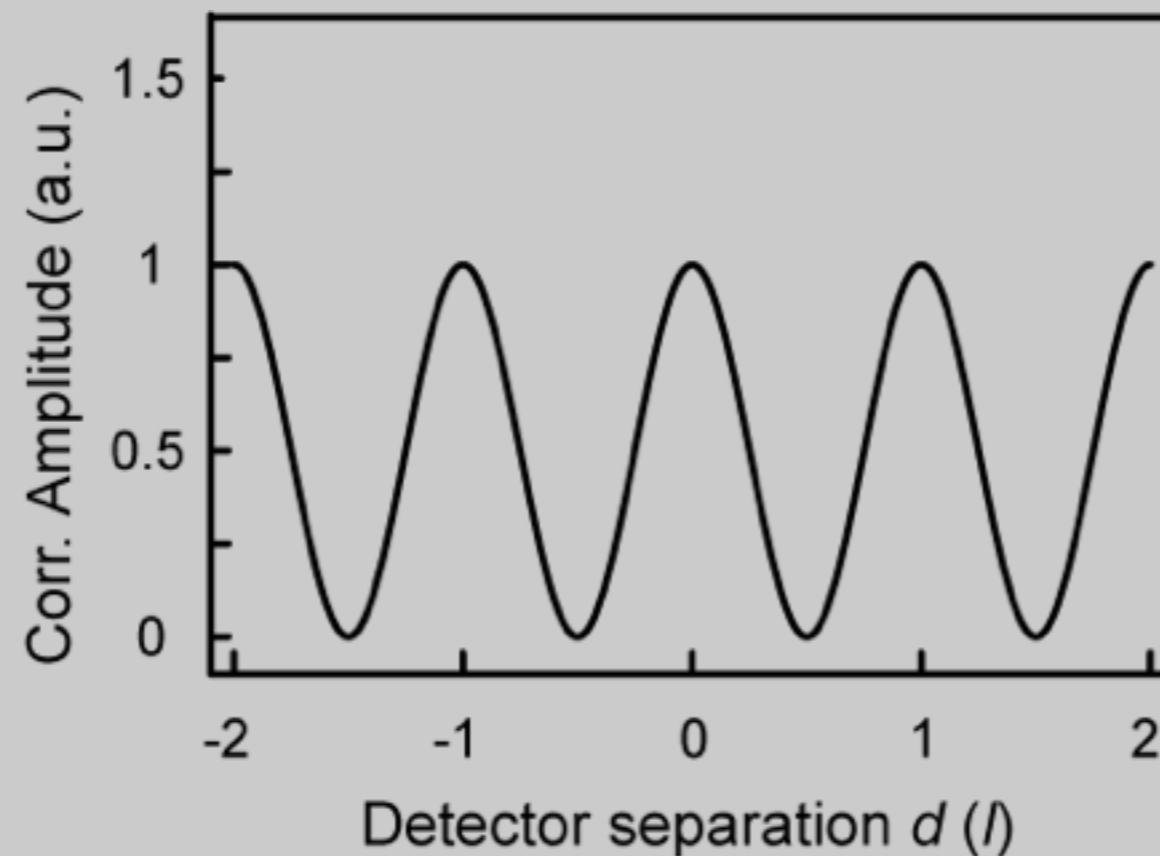
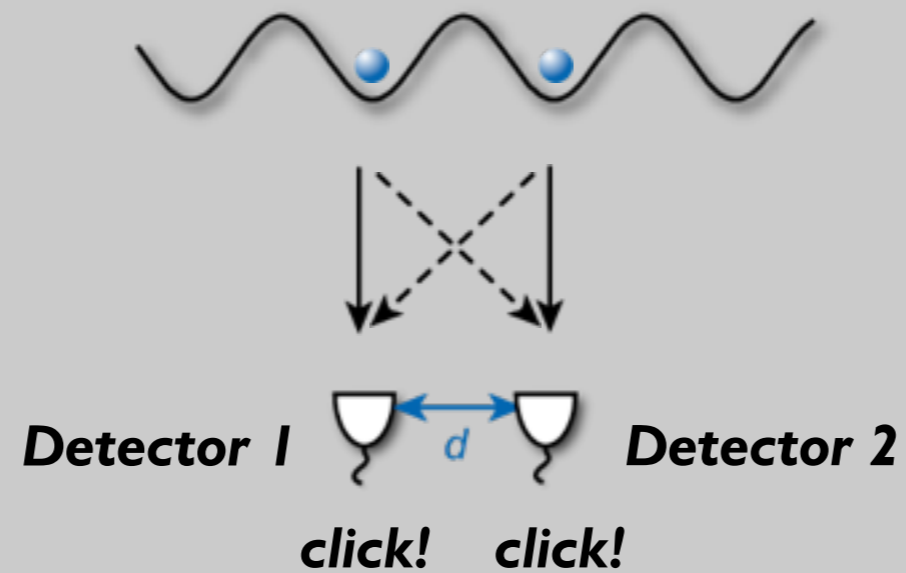
$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \pm e^{i\phi} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right|^2$$

- Hanbury Brown-Twiss Effect for Atoms (4) -

Interference in Two-Particle Detection Probability!



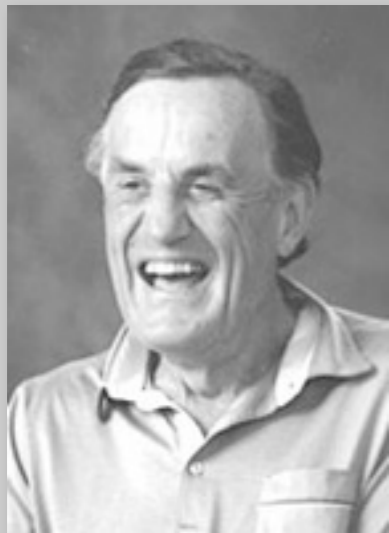
Hanbury Brown
1916-2002



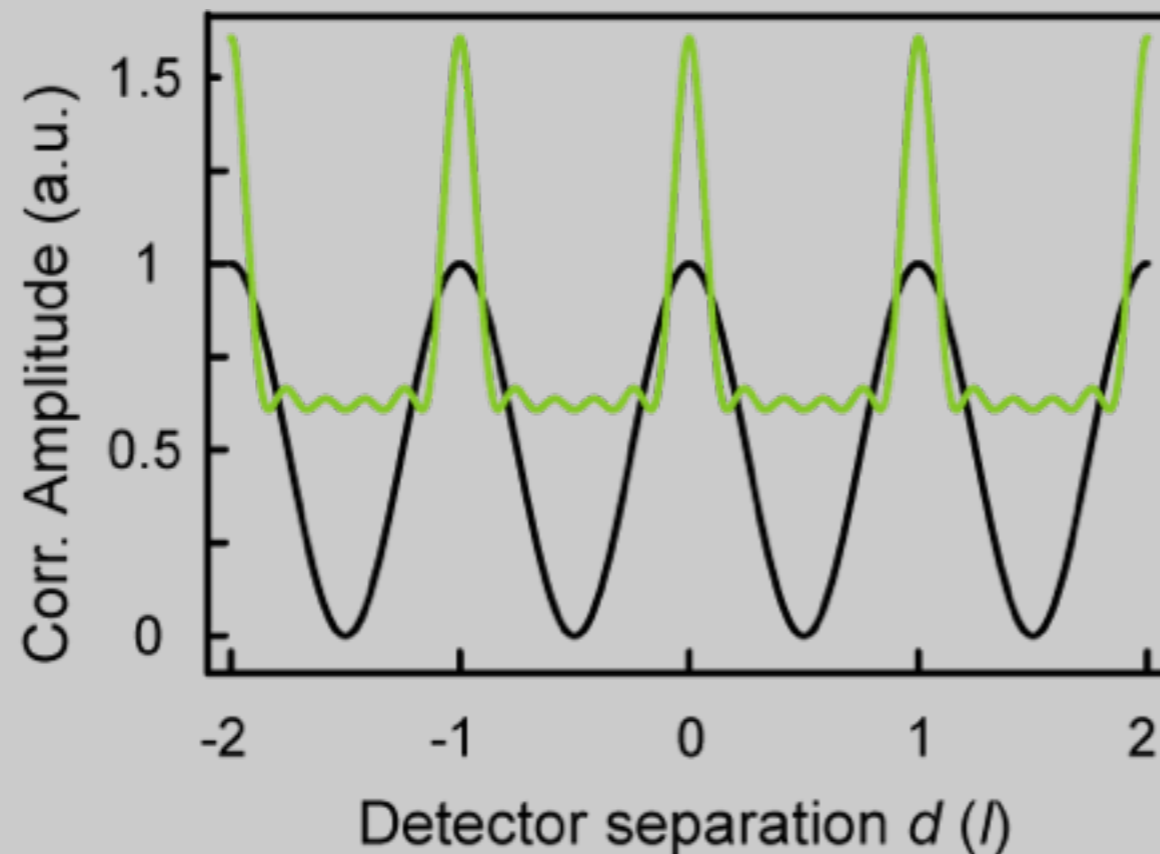
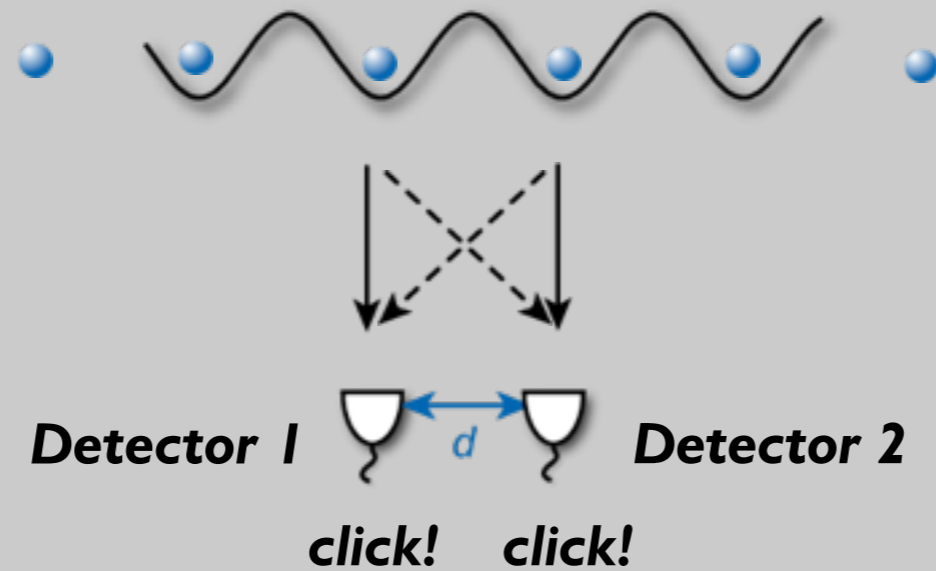
$$l = \frac{h}{m \times a_{lat}} t$$

- Multiple Wave Hanbury Brown-Twiss Effect (4) -

Interference in Two-Particle Detection Probability!



Hanbury Brown
1916-2002



$$l = \frac{h}{m a_{l \text{ at } t}}$$

Deriving the Noise Correlation Signal (1)

In **Time of Flight** we measure:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \hat{n}_{3D}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\text{tof}} &= \langle \hat{a}_{\text{tof}}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{a}_{\text{tof}}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\text{tof}} \\ &\approx \langle \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle_{\text{trap}} = \langle \hat{n}_{3D}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle_{\text{trap}}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{k} = M\mathbf{x}/\hbar t$$

In **Noise Correlations** we measure:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \hat{n}_{3D}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{n}_{3D}(\mathbf{x}') \rangle_{\text{tof}} &\approx \langle \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}') \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}') \rangle_{\text{trap}} = \\ &\langle \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}') \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}') \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle_{\text{trap}} + \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \langle \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle_{\text{trap}} .\end{aligned}$$

Deriving the Noise Correlation Signal (2)

$$\hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) = \int e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{R}} w(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R})$$

 $\hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) = \tilde{w}(\mathbf{k}) \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{R}}$ Plug this into four operator correlator

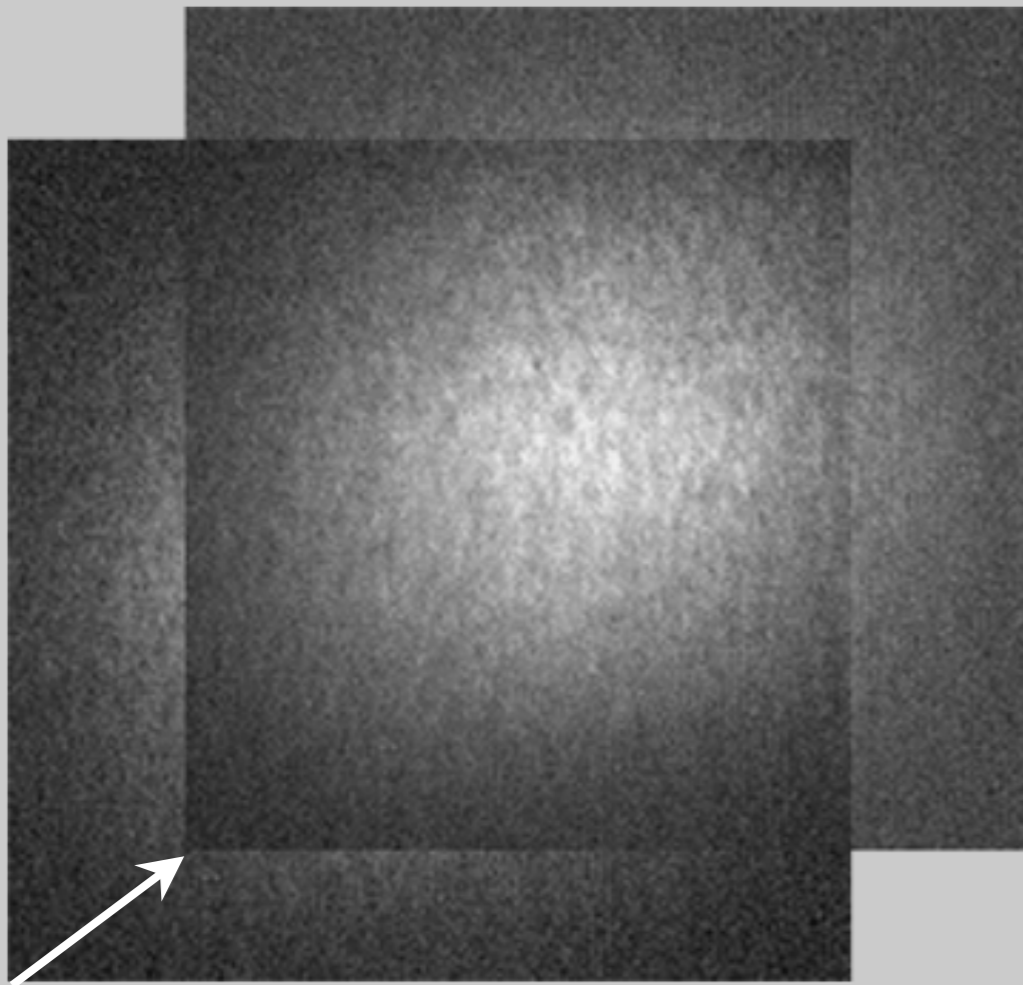
For Mott state or Fermi gas, one has $\langle \hat{a}_{\mathbf{R}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{R}'} \rangle = n_{\mathbf{R}} \delta_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}'}$

which yields:

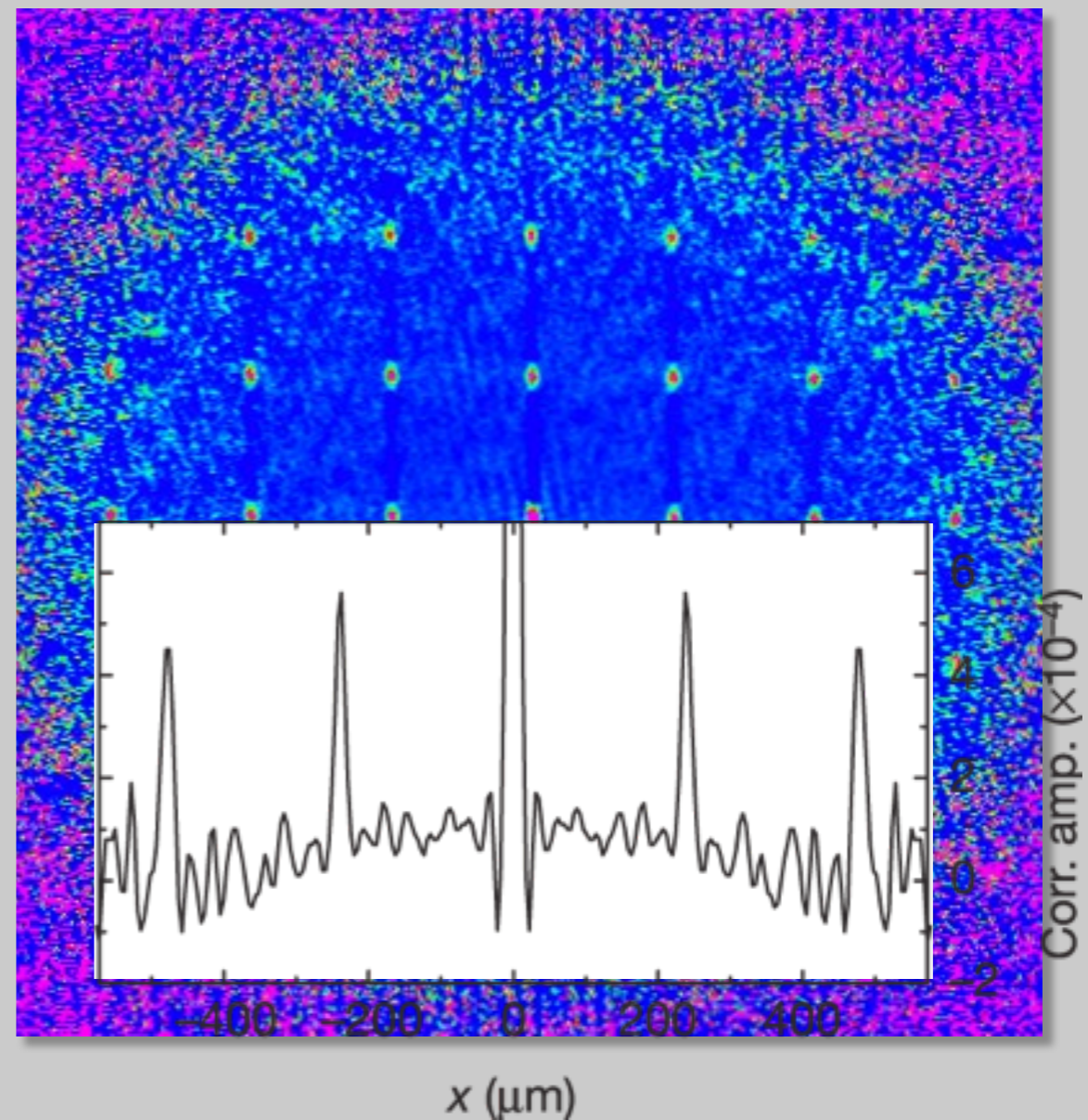
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{n}_{3D}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{n}_{3D}(\mathbf{x}') \rangle &= |\tilde{w}(M\mathbf{x}/\hbar t)|^2 |\tilde{w}(M\mathbf{x}'/\hbar t)|^2 N^2 \\ &\times \left[1 \pm \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')\cdot\mathbf{R}(M/\hbar t)} n_{\mathbf{R}} \right|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Information in the Noise – Correlations become visible!

$$g_{\text{exp}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{\int \langle n(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}/2) \cdot n(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}/2) \rangle d^2\mathbf{x}}{\int \langle n(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}/2) \rangle \langle n(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}/2) \rangle d^2\mathbf{x}}$$



Fölling et al. *Nature*, 434, p. 481 (2005)

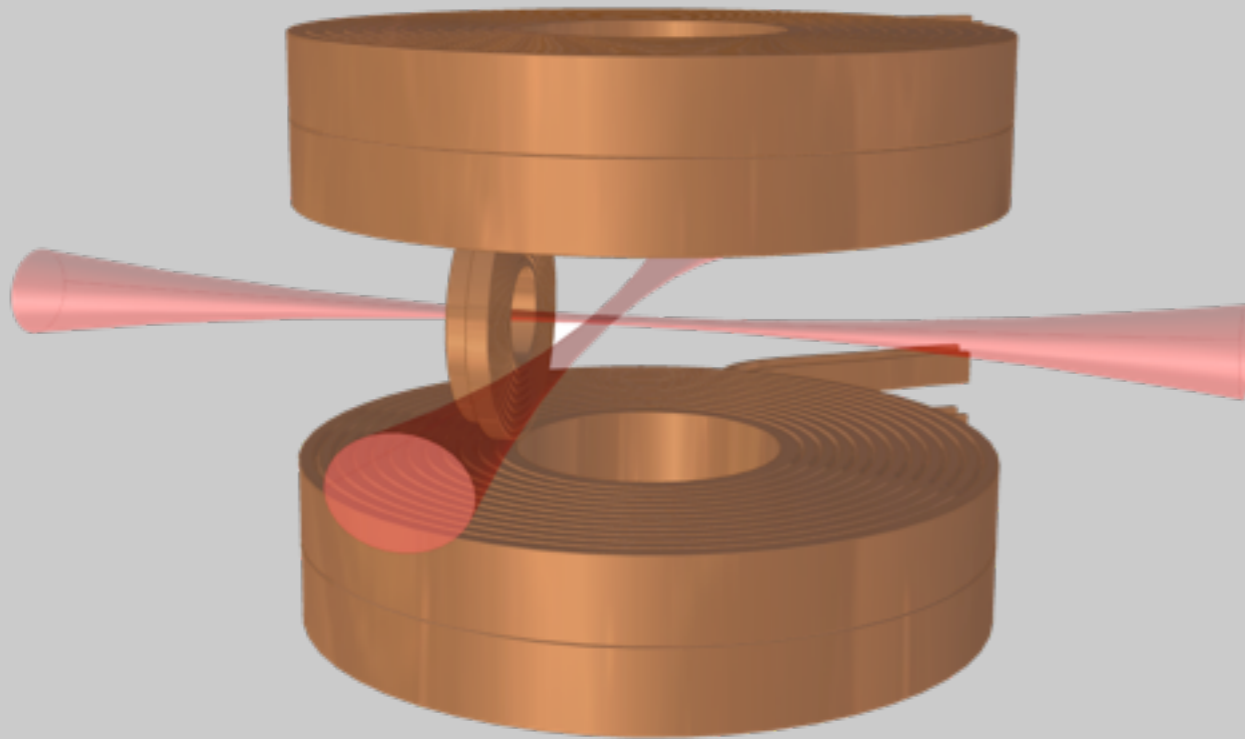


Correlation function!

Let's change the sign...



Sympathetic Cooling of ^{40}K - ^{87}Rb in Crossed Dipole Trap:



After final cooling in optical dipole trap

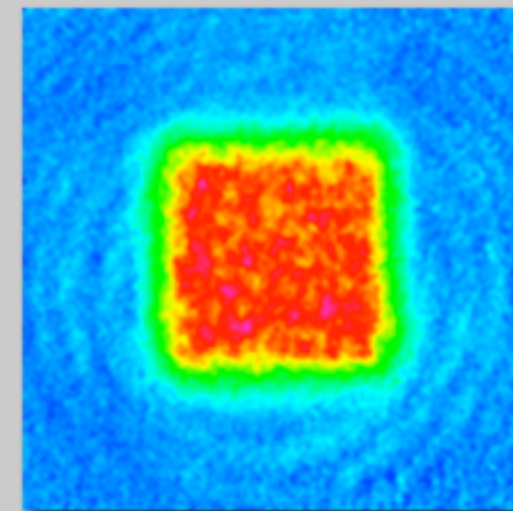
2×10^5 ^{87}Rb (almost pure condensate)

2.5×10^5 ^{40}K

After removal of ^{87}Rb

2×10^5 ^{40}K @ $T/T_F = 0.2$

**Then load into 3D optical lattice and
create a *fermionic band insulator!***

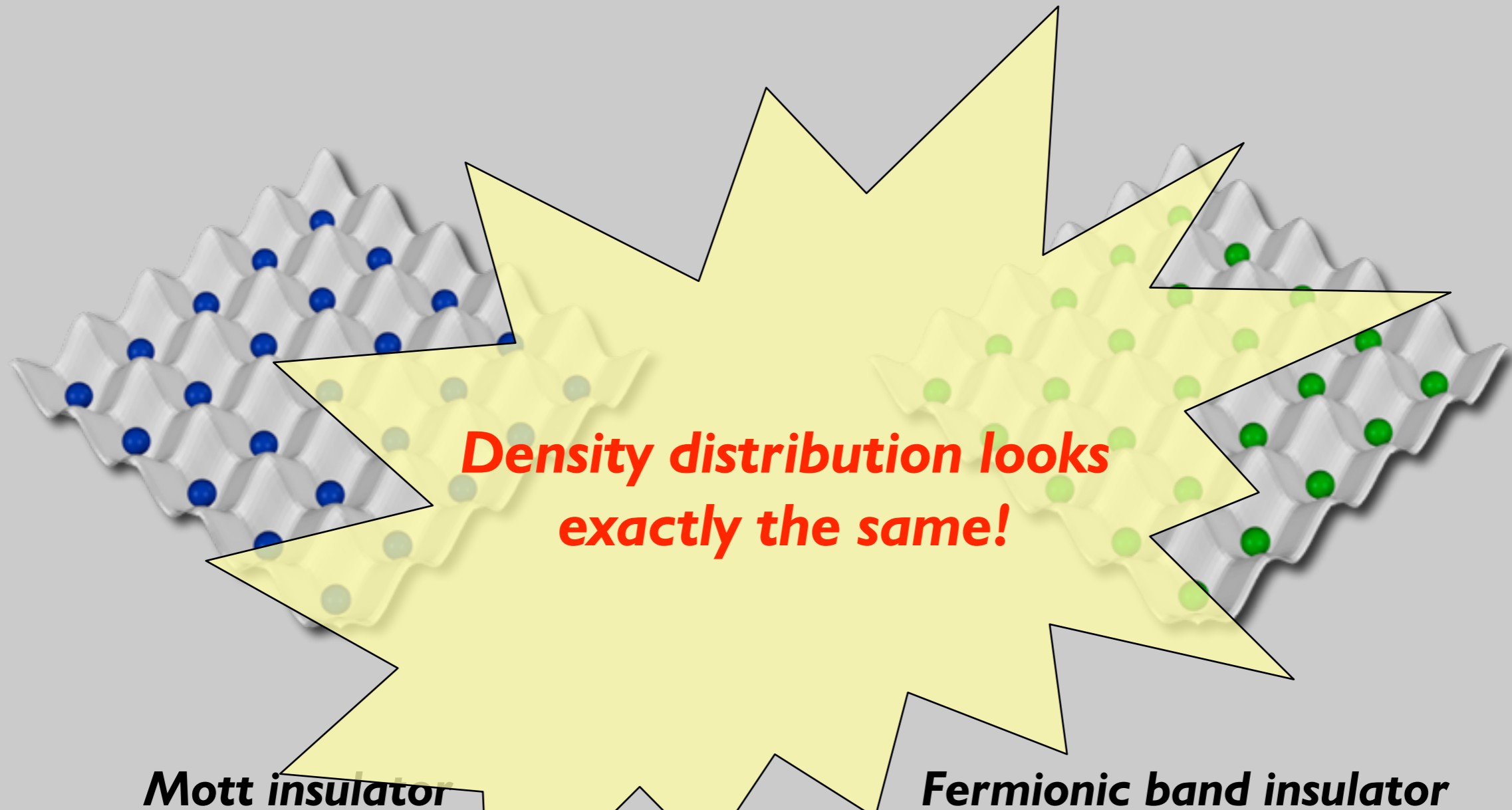


Adiabatic mapping:

theory: A. Kastberg et al. PRL (1995)

exp: M. Greiner et al., PRL (2001), M. Köhl et al. PRL (2005)

Mott insulator – Fermionic Band Insulator



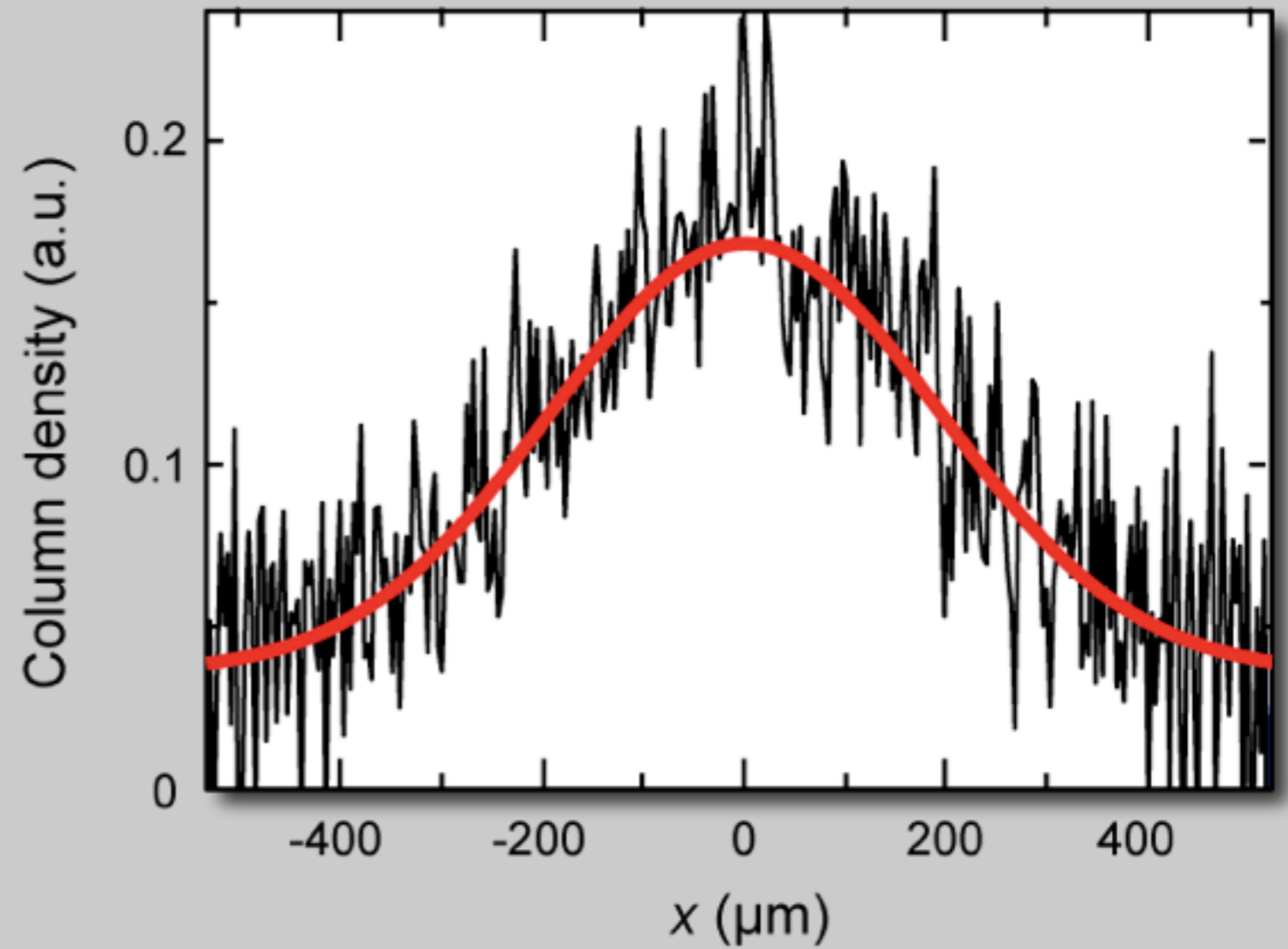
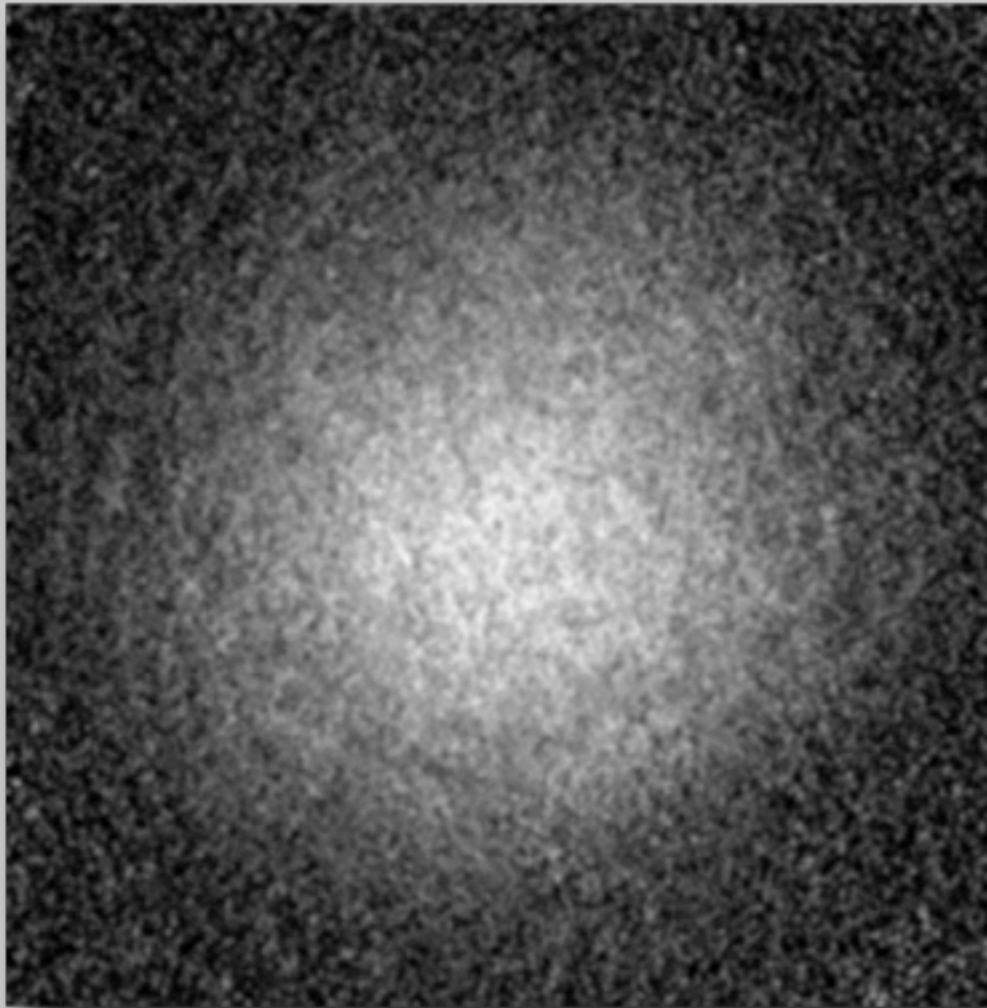
Density distribution looks exactly the same!

Mott insulator

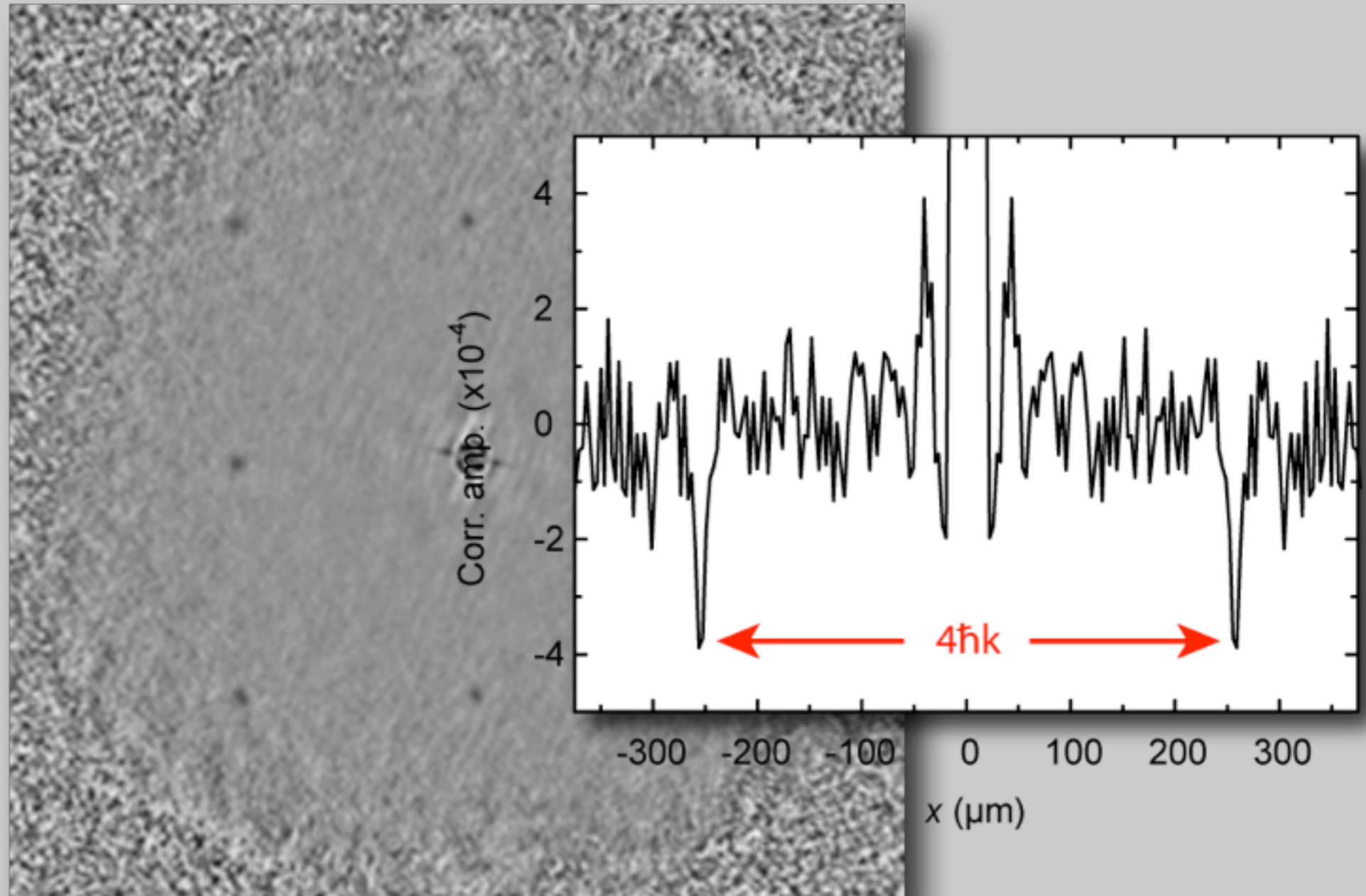
Fermionic band insulator

Dominating repulsive interactions mimic Pauli principle!

Releasing the Fermi Gas



Noise Correlations of a Degenerate Fermi Gas

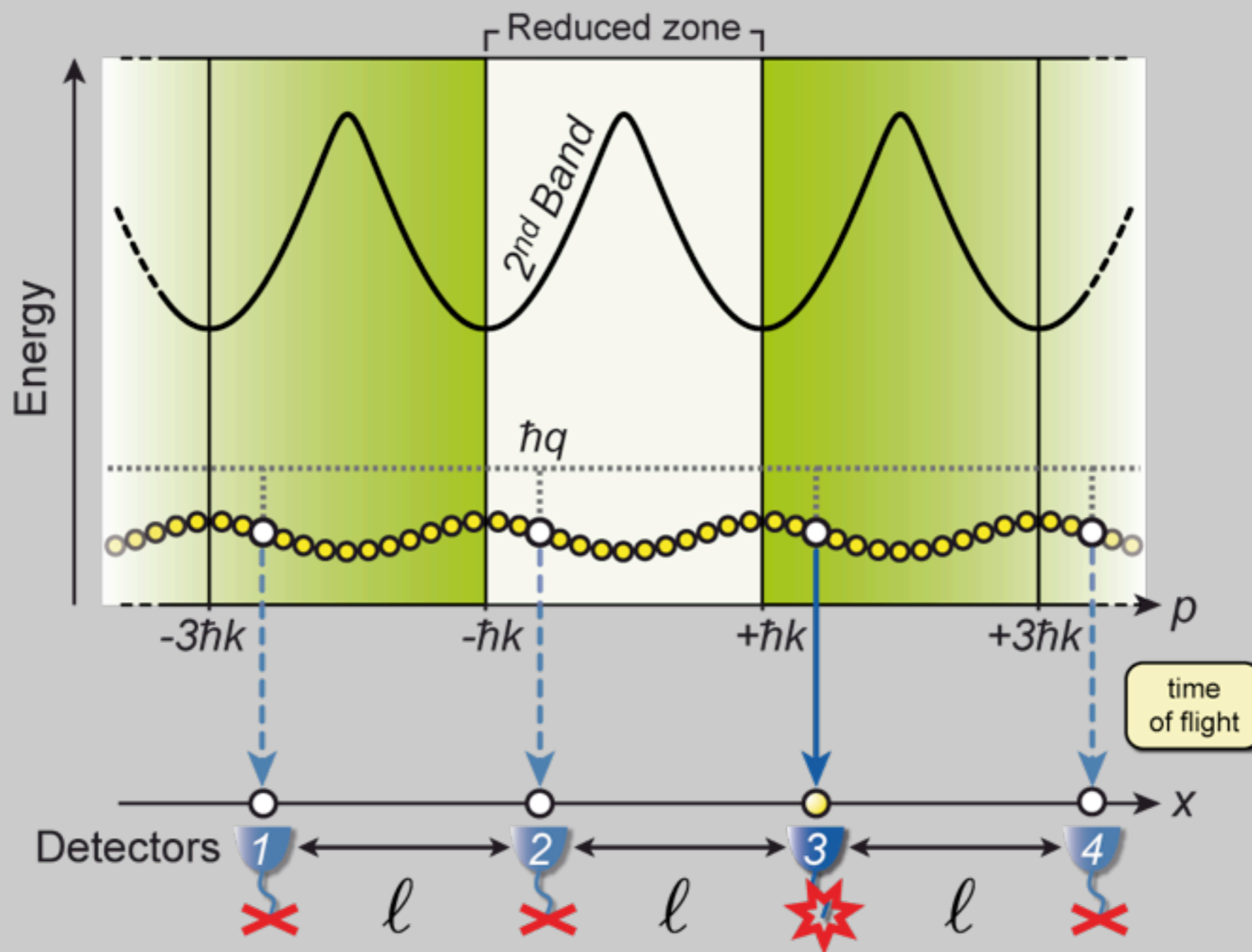


Rom et al.

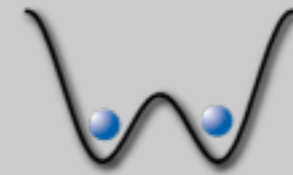
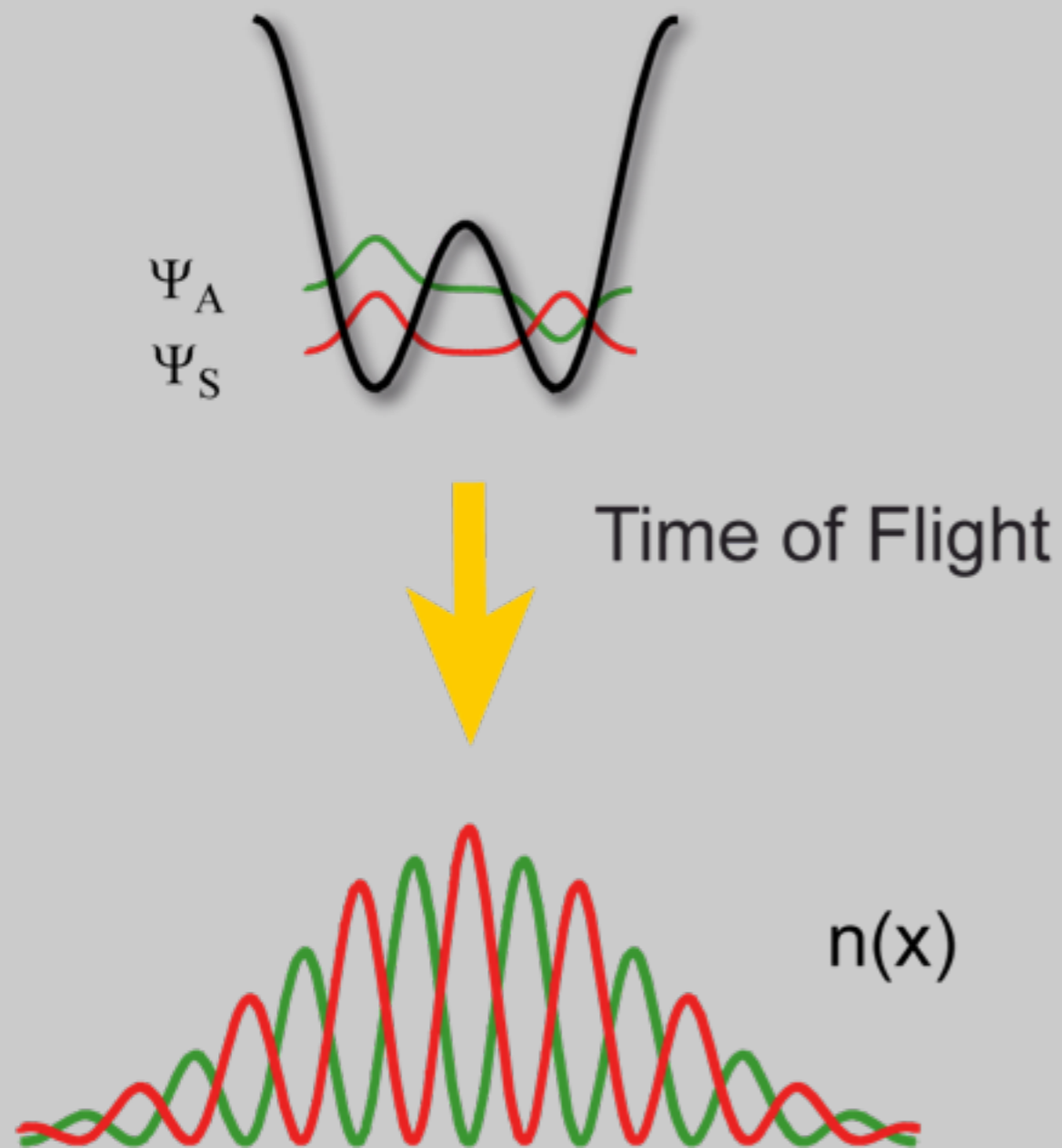
Nature **444**, 733 (2006)

**First observation of fermionic antibunching for neutral atoms
(maybe neutral particles)! (see also Jeltes et al., Nature **445**, 402 (2007))**

An Alternative Description



Why Bosons and Fermions are Different in their Correlations



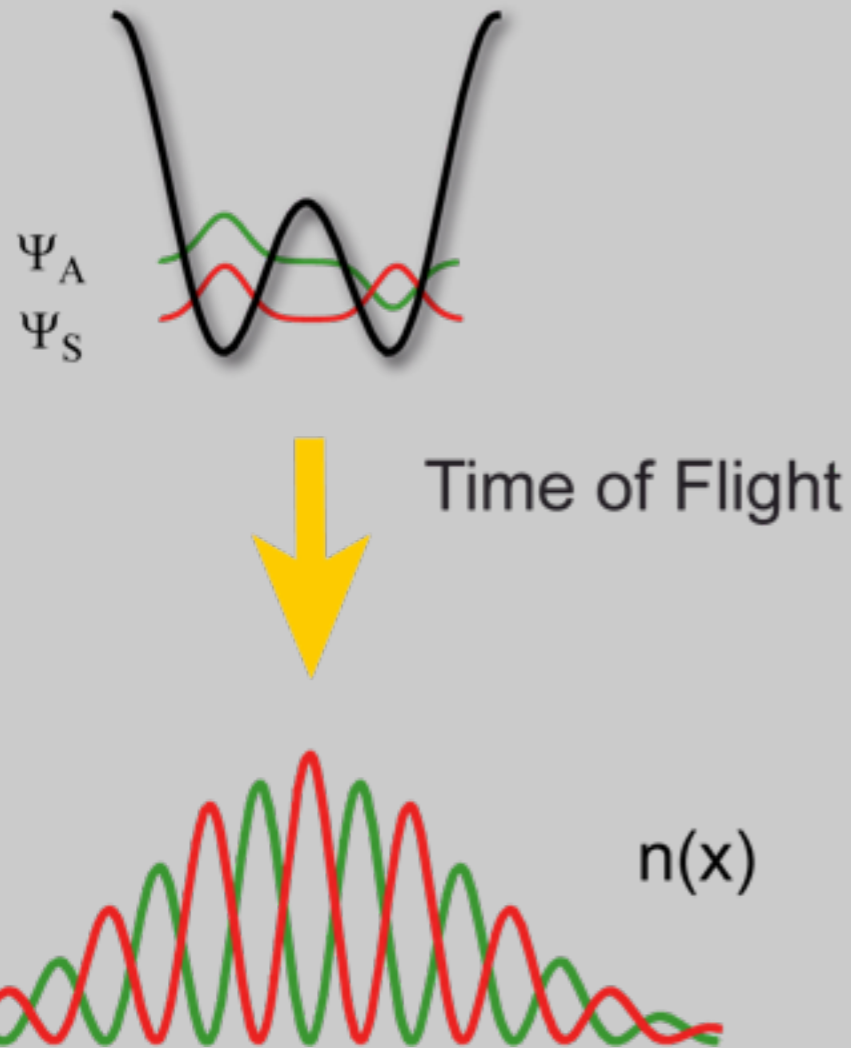
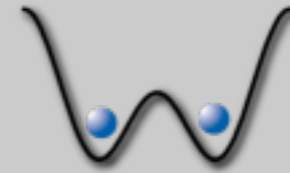
Bosons

$$\Psi_L \otimes \Psi_R + \Psi_R \otimes \Psi_L$$



$$\Psi_S \otimes \Psi_S + \Psi_A \otimes \Psi_A$$

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Bosons

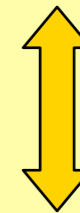
$$\Psi_L \otimes \Psi_R + \Psi_R \otimes \Psi_L$$



$$\Psi_S \otimes \Psi_S + \Psi_A \otimes \Psi_A$$

Fermions

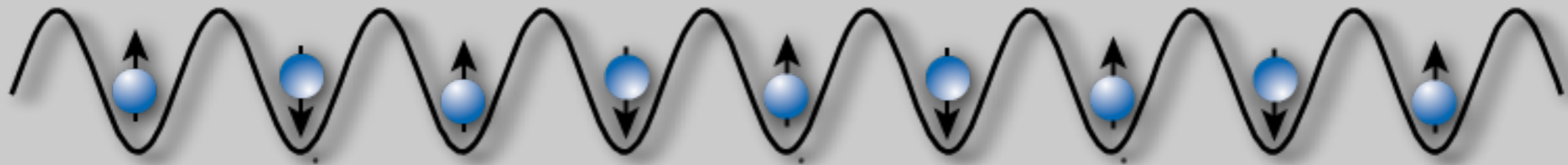
$$\Psi_L \otimes \Psi_R - \Psi_R \otimes \Psi_L$$



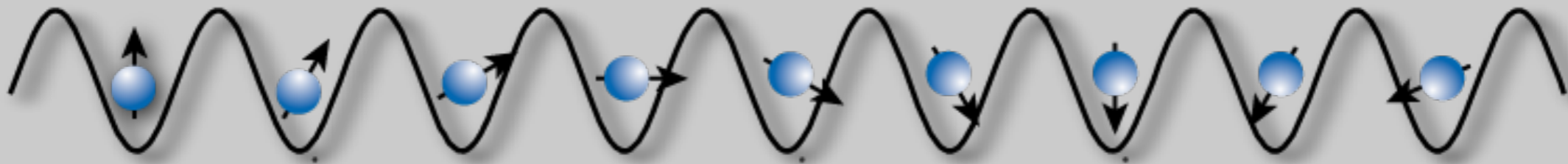
$$\Psi_S \otimes \Psi_A - \Psi_A \otimes \Psi_S$$

Now detection of many strongly correlated quantum states becomes possible!

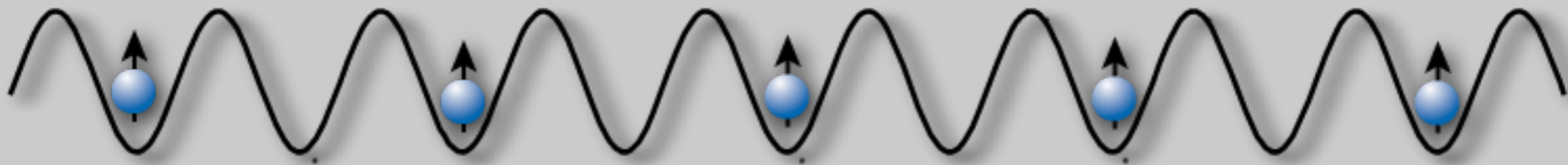
Antiferromagnet



Spin wave

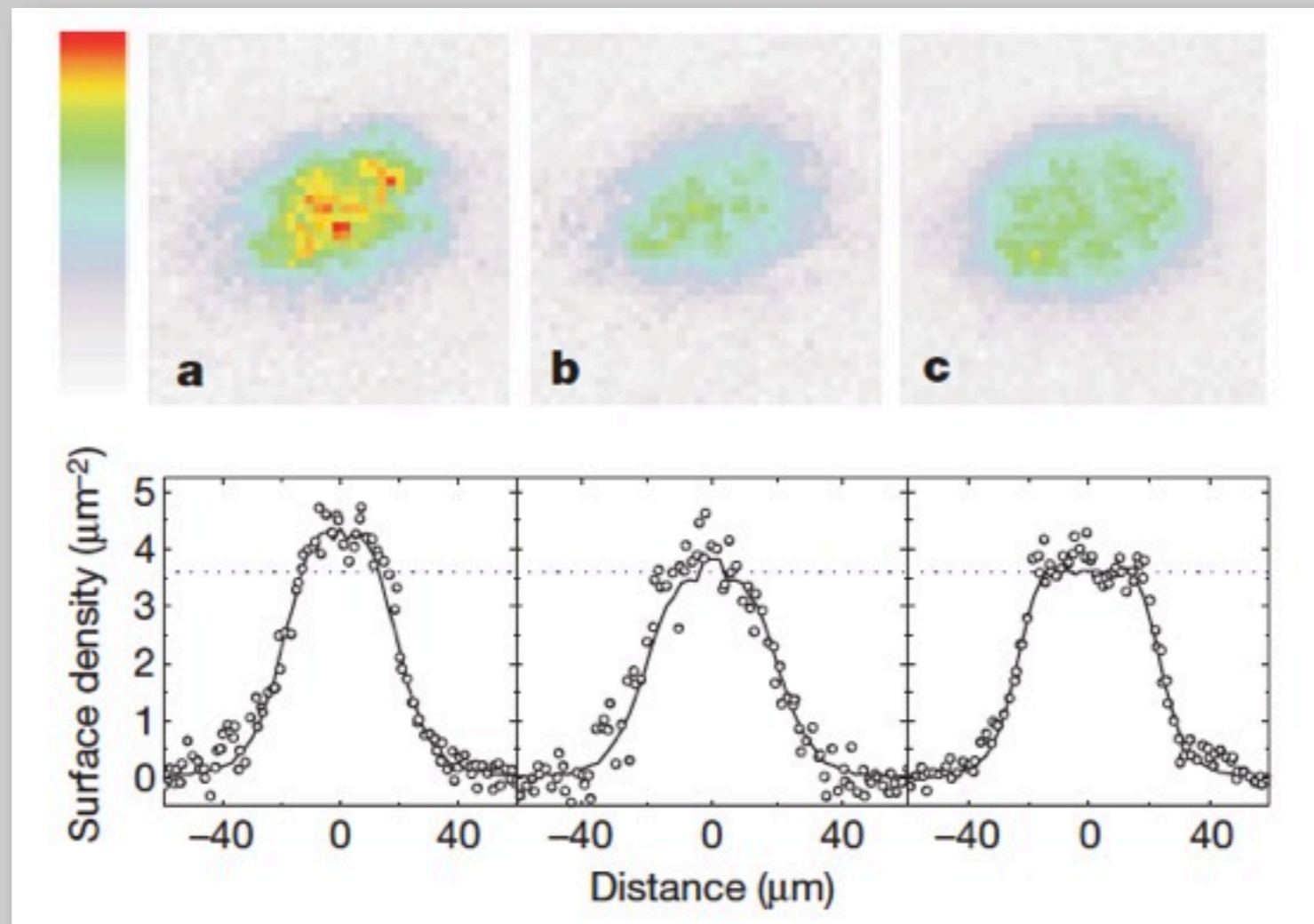


Charge density wave



In Situ Density Measurements

Absorption Imaging

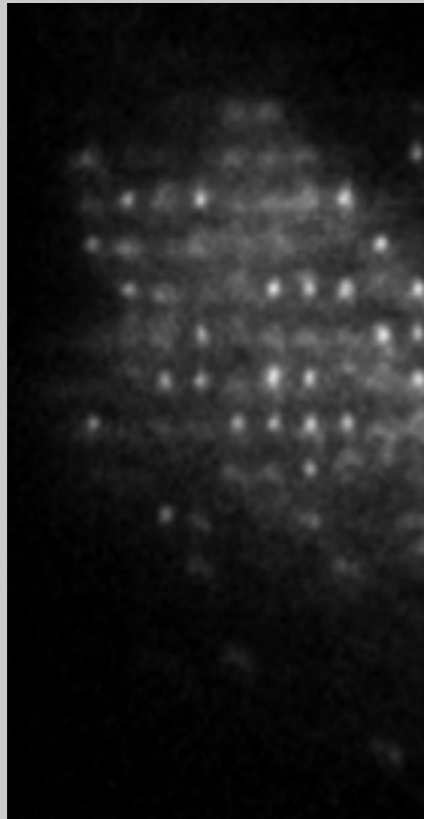


Absorption per atom maximally approx 5-10% (typically smaller), mode-matching!

N. Gemelke et al., Nature **460**, 995 (2009)

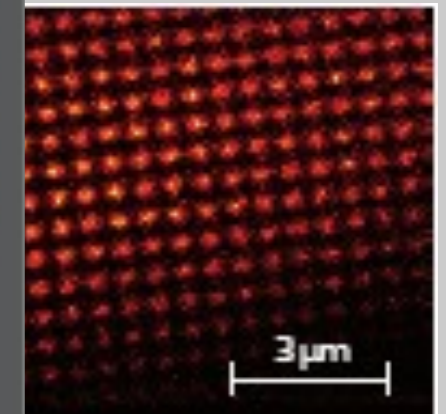
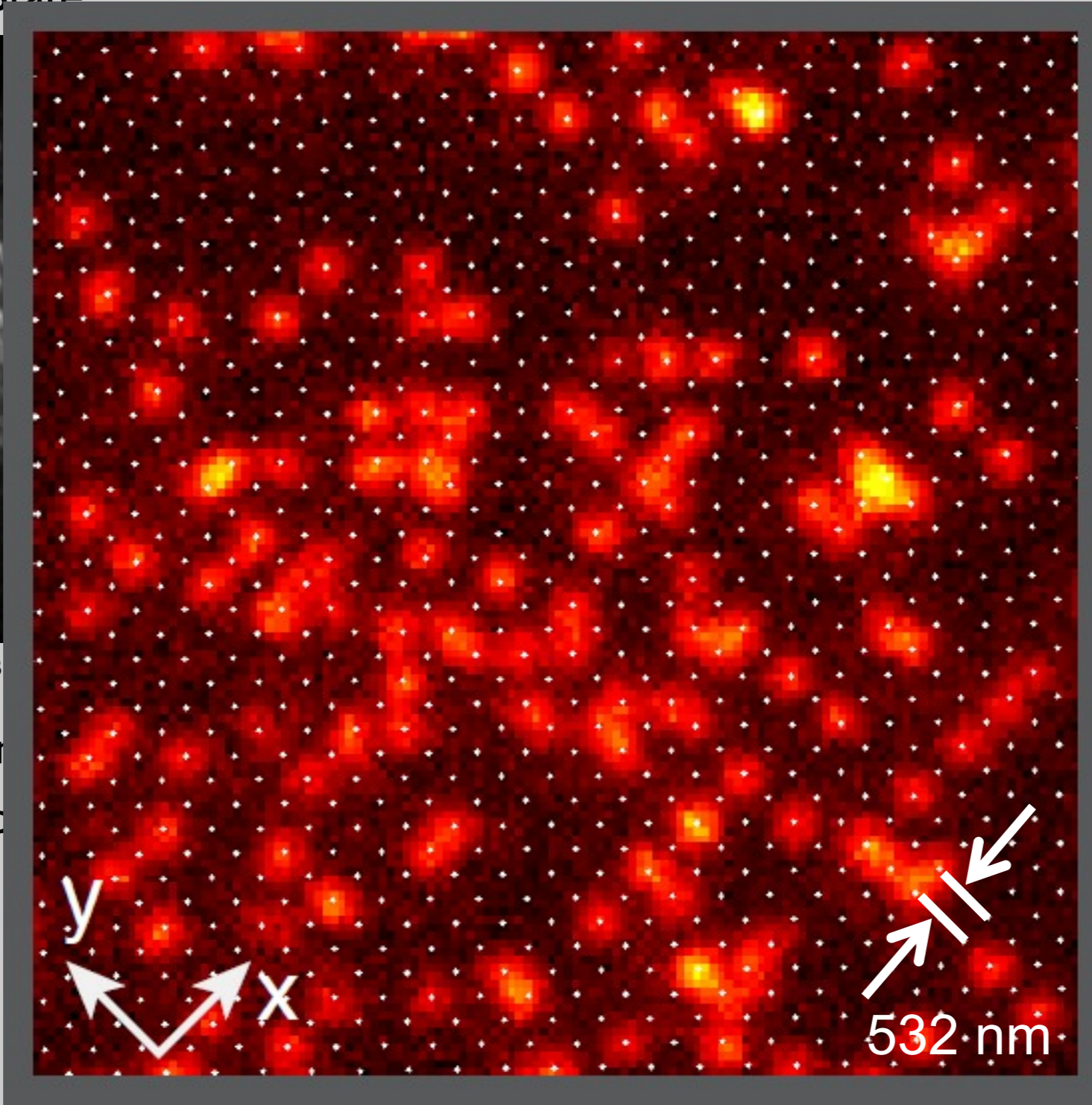
State of the Art

D. Weiss, Penn State



Nelson *et al.*, Nature Phys. 3

- fluorescence in
- 5 μm lattice spacing



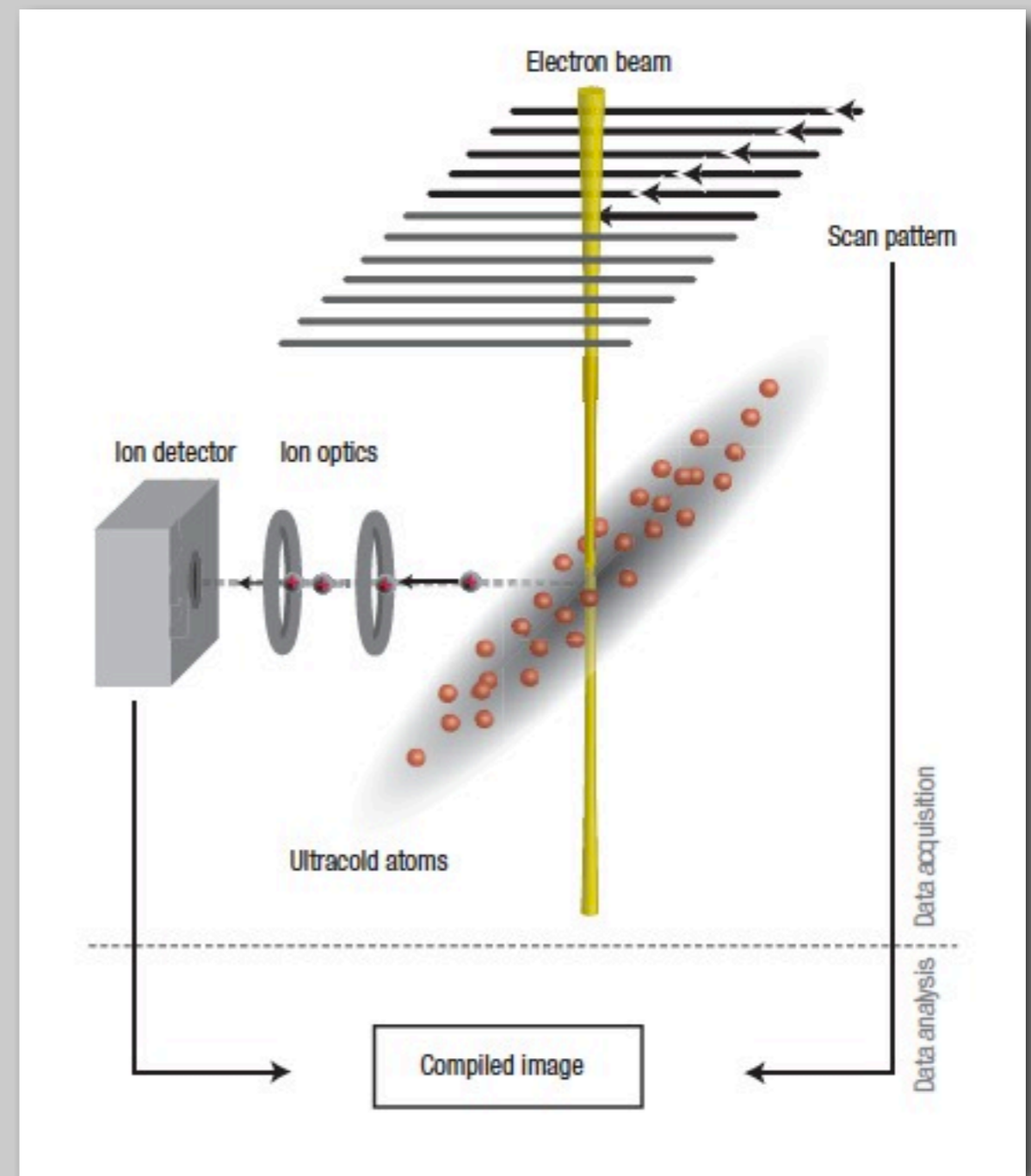
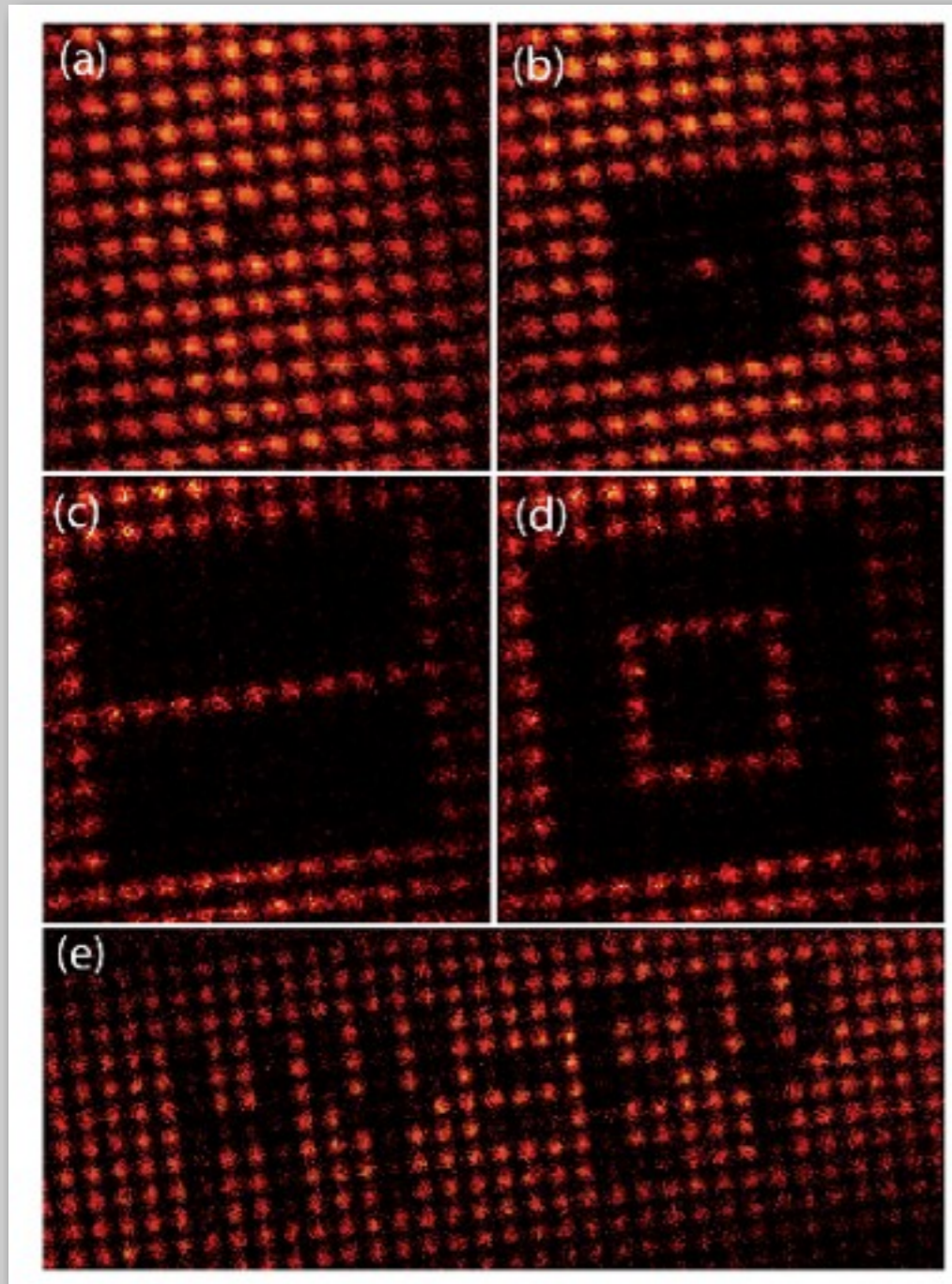
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Harvard
in surface trap
lattice spacing

162, 74-77 (2009)

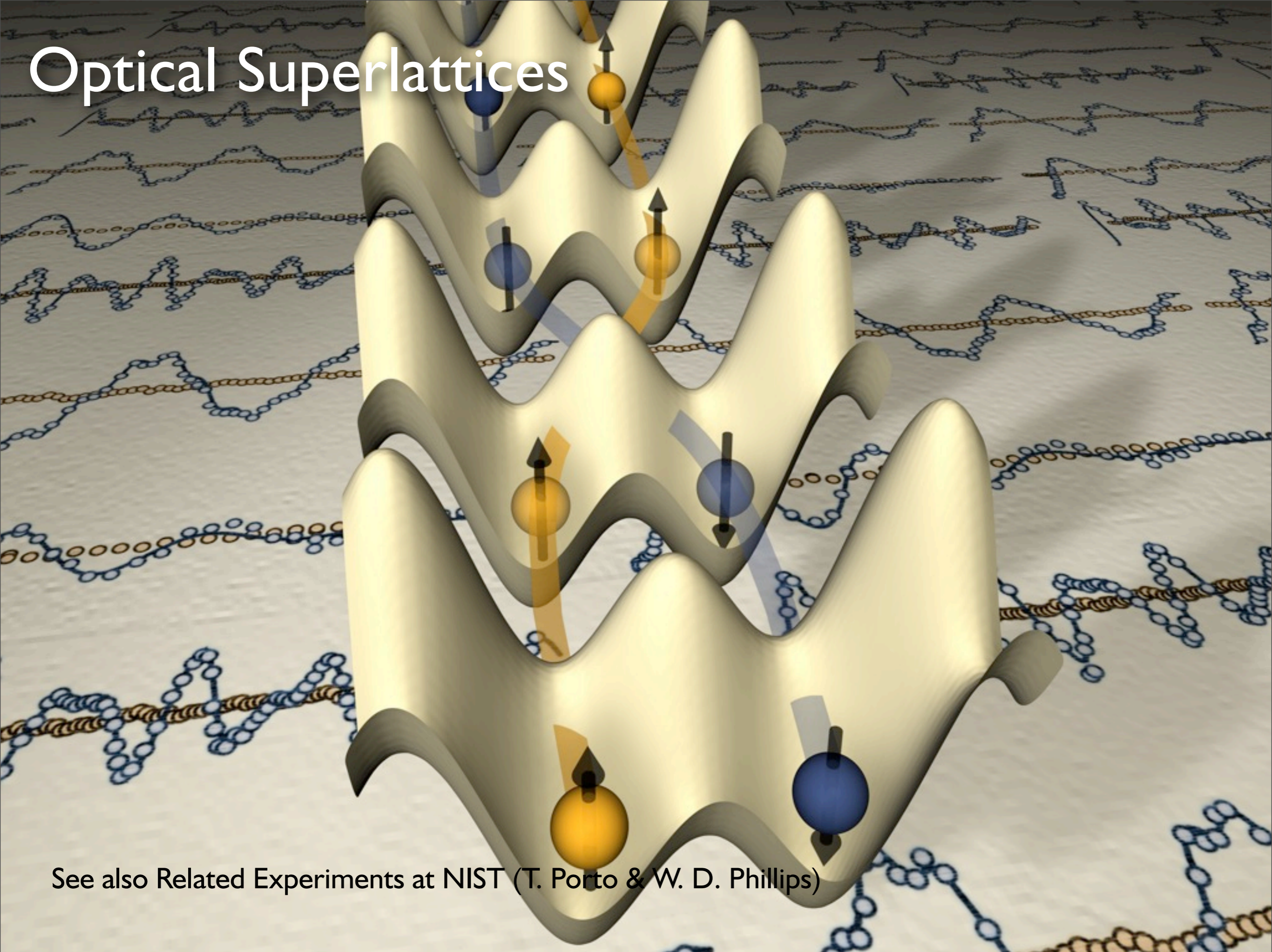


Detecting Atoms with an Electron Beam



P. Würtz et al., PRL (2009)

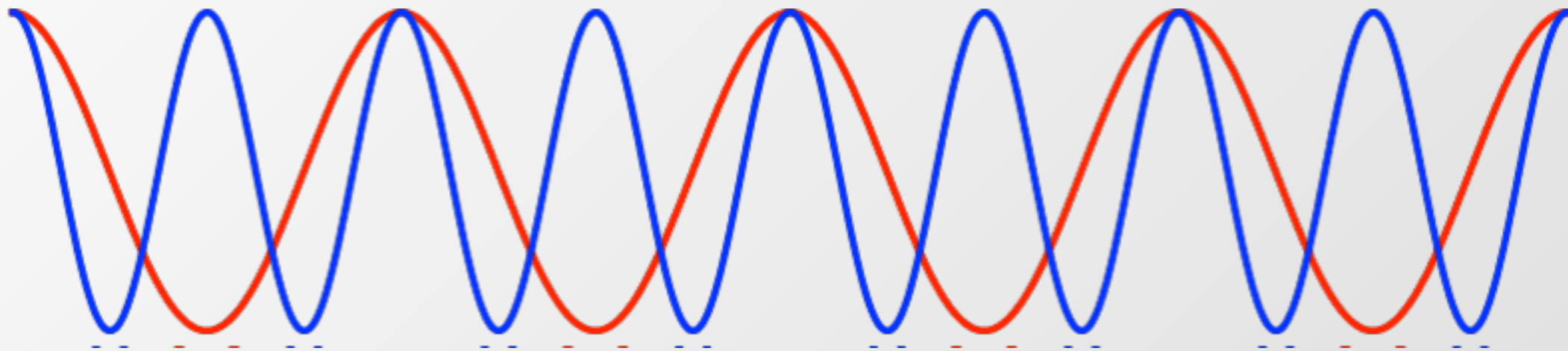
Optical Superlattices



See also Related Experiments at NIST (T. Porto & W. D. Phillips)

Superimpose two standing waves **with controllable phase & amplitude.**

1530 nm + 765 nm



Array of double wells

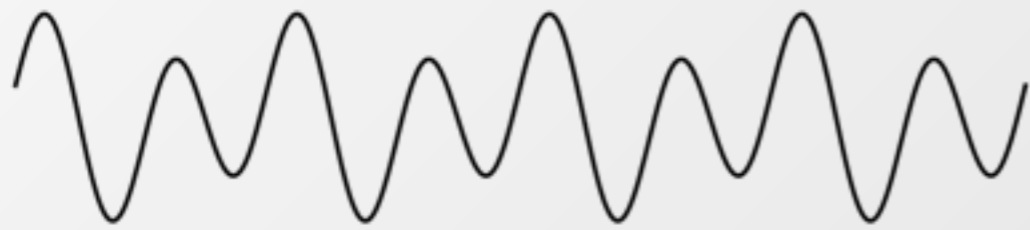




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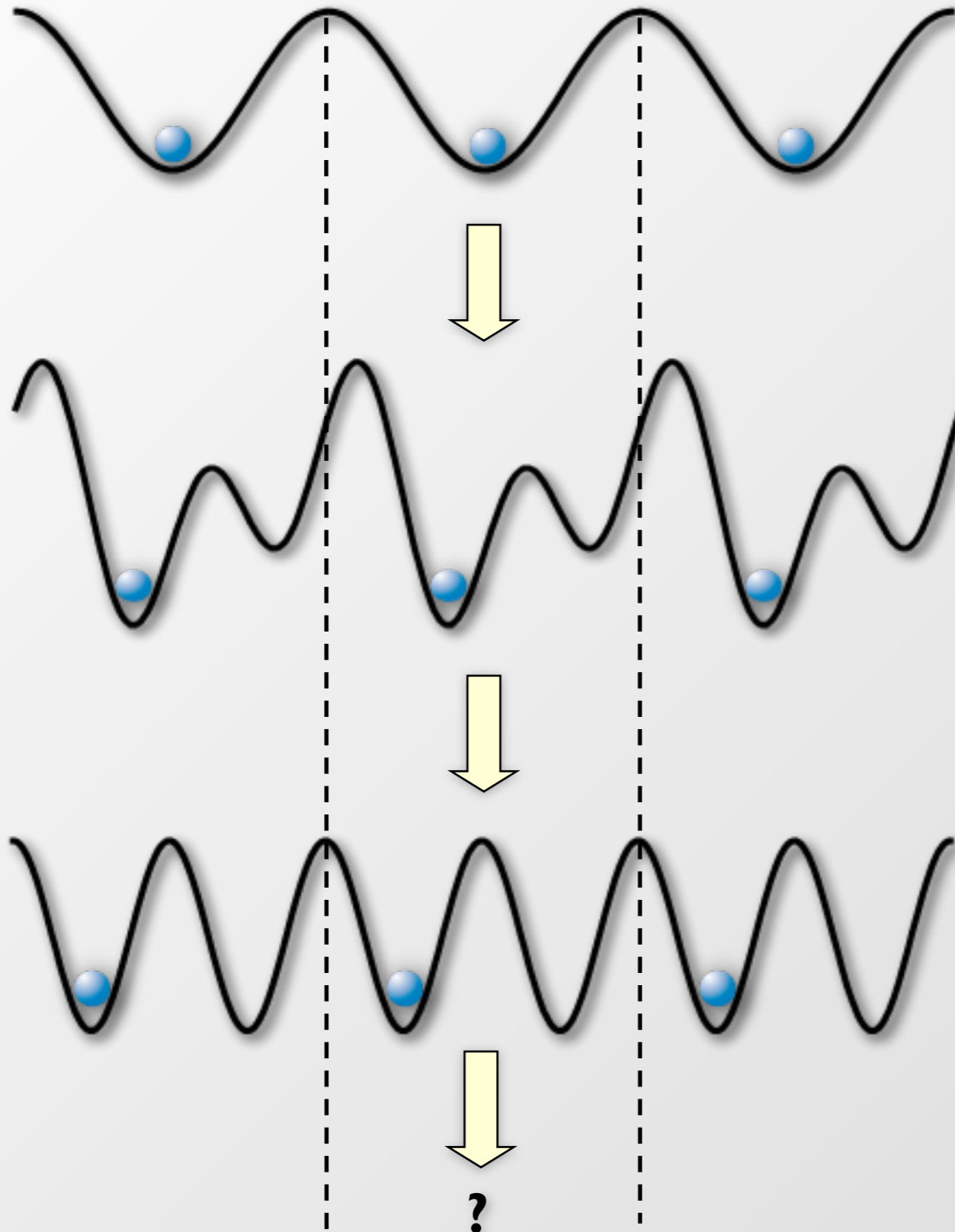
- **Intra & Interwell Barrier Depth**



- **Potential Bias**

All parameters can be changed dynamically & in-situ!





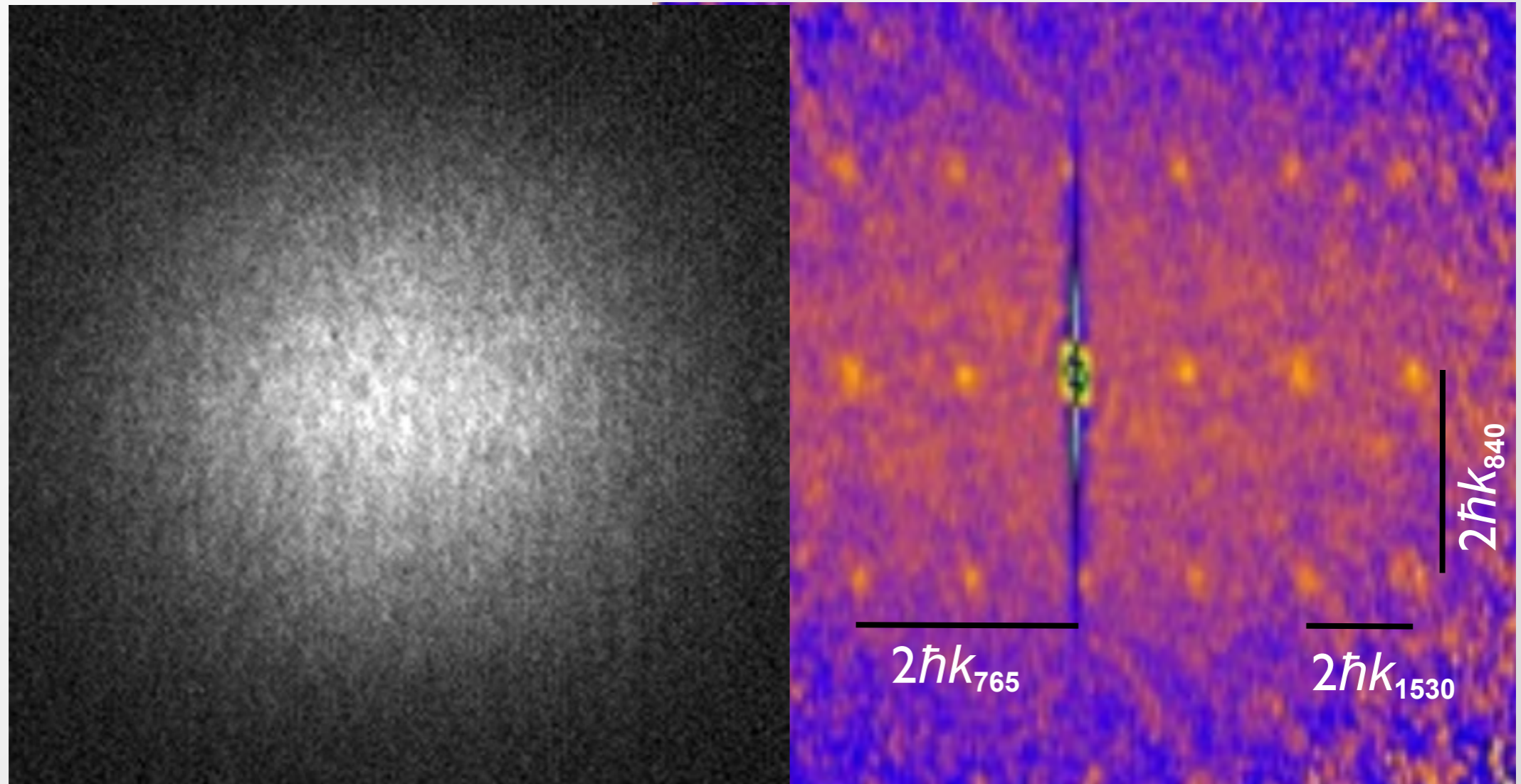
Mott State in long lattice

Increase short lattice

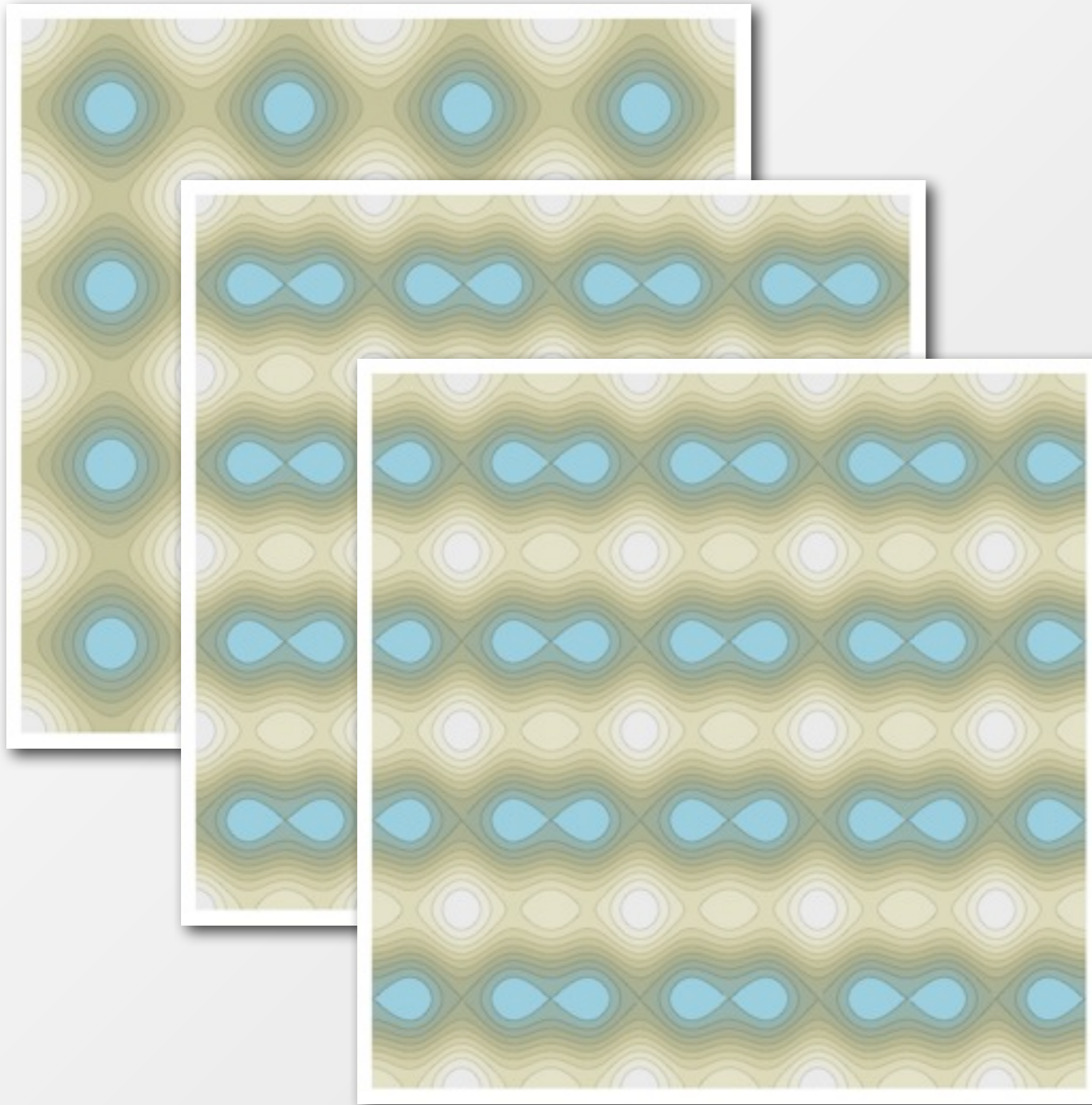
Switch off long lattice

Release





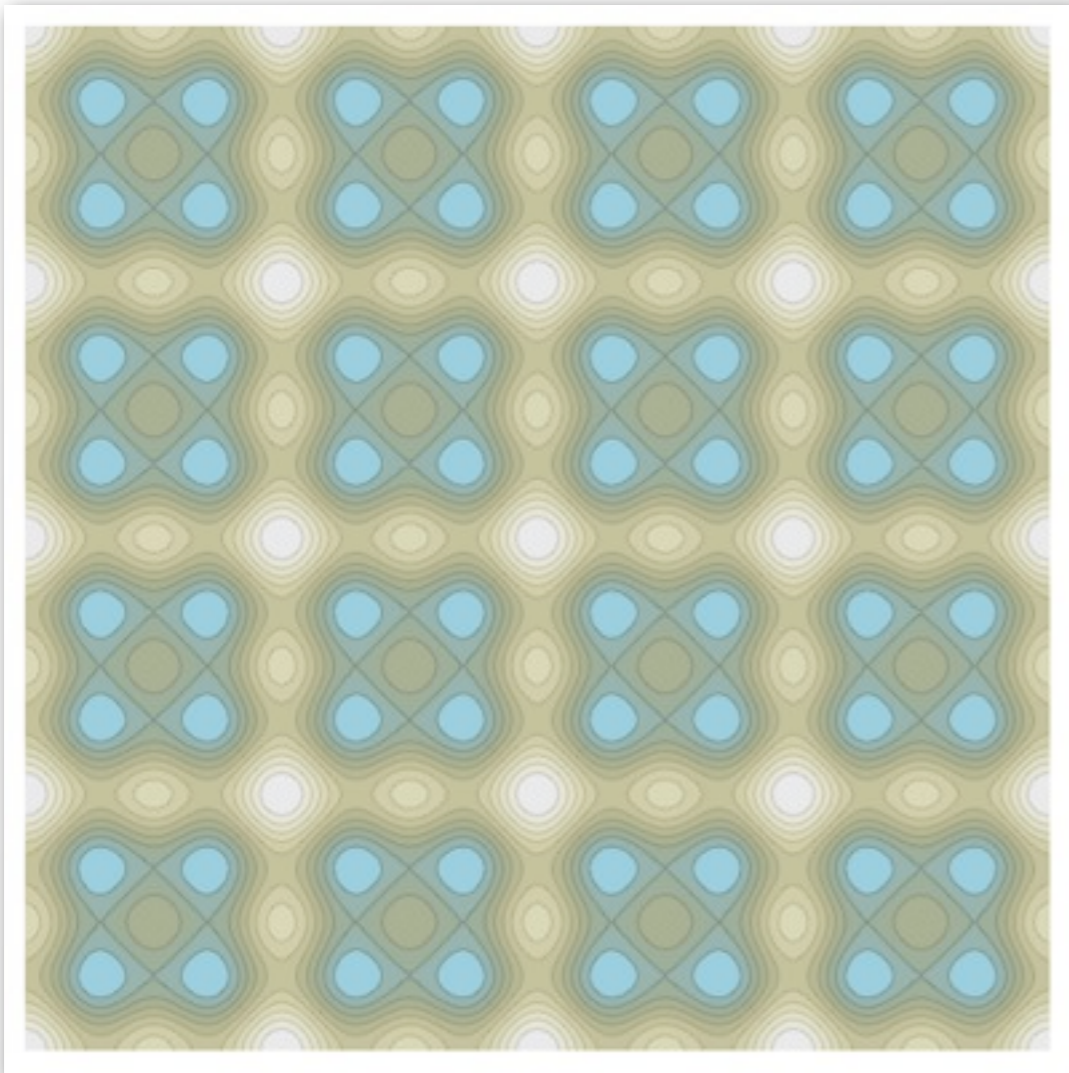
Detection of density wave via noise correlations.



*Controllable couplings
and dynamics*

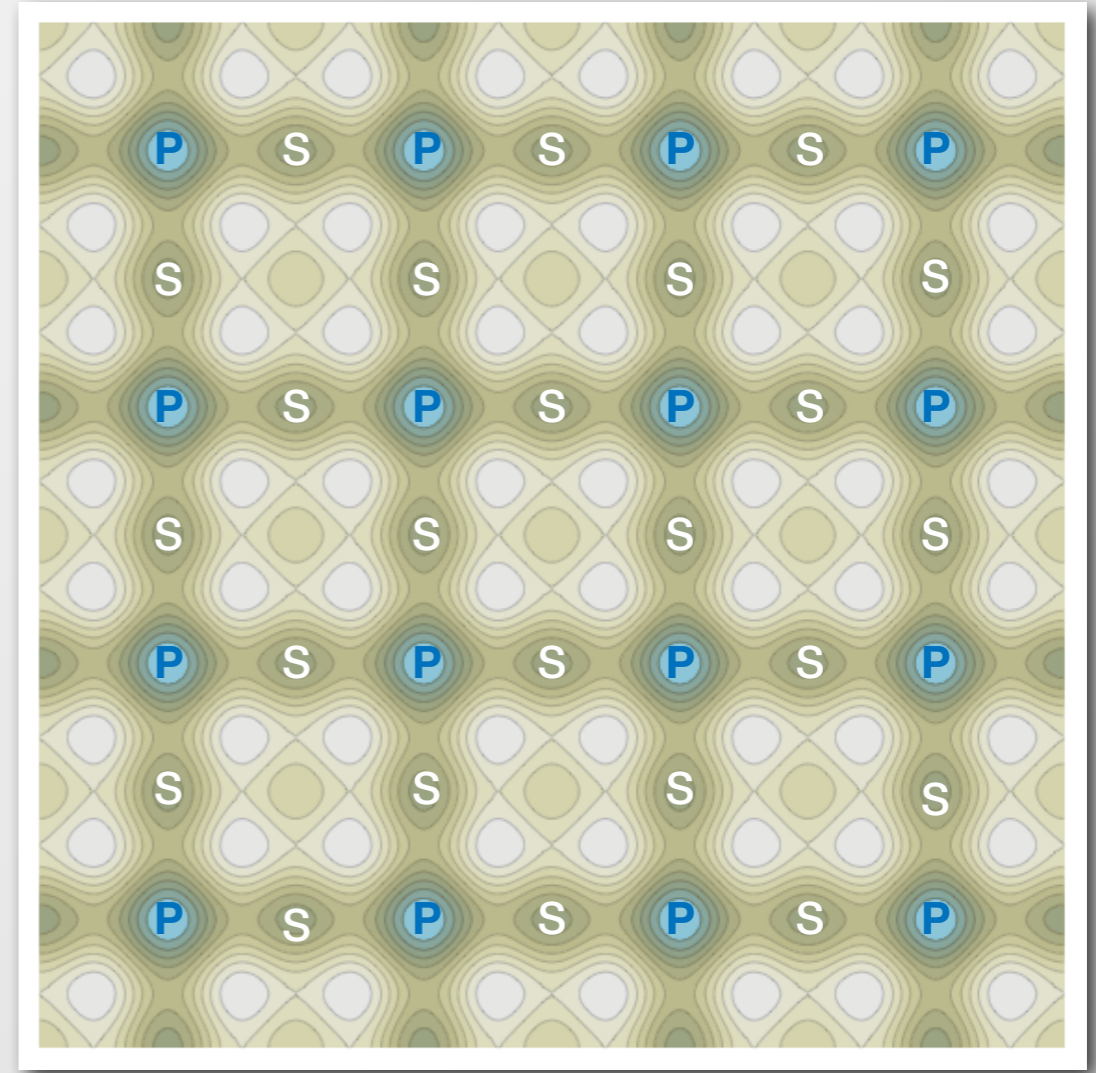
*Superlattice useful for
controlling and detecting
spin correlations*





Coupled Plaquette Systems

see B. Paredes & I. Bloch, PRA **77**, 23603 (2008)
S. Trebst et al., PRL **96**, 250402 (2006)



Higher Lattice Orbital Physics

see V. Liu, A. Ho, C. Wu and others work
exp: related to A. Hemmerich's exp.

